

ThanksUSA Veterans Tennis

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

Tennis Corps instructor Brenda Gilmore was severely injured in a hit-and-run accident at 27 years old. “It was a struggle,” she said. “People did not accept folks with disabilities readily. Playing tennis brought acceptance for me. I learned how to do something that able-bodied people could do, and I did it even better.”

Brenda is currently President and CEO of Prince George’s Tennis & Education Foundation in Maryland, providing opportunities for young people to excel academically, athletically and socially through tennis.

She has been involved in ThanksUSA’s Tennis Corps from the very beginning. The success of the program as well as the improvement within the Veteran players are truly a testament to her coaching skills.

“It’s been quite rewarding for me to see not only the progress of the participants but to see how they enjoy each other’s company as much as they do learning to play tennis. I think this is truly one of the highlights of their week!”

