



The HANNAH CUNNINGHAM STORY

“WILL TO WIN FOUNDATION”. HELPS HANNAH CUNNINGHAM

A YEAR AGO WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF HER DAUGHTER, HANNAH, HAVING TO GIVE UP TENNIS ALTOGETHER FRANCES APPROACHED WTW FOUNDATION FOR FINANCIAL HELP TO CONTINUE IN HER TENIS CAREER RATHER THAN OPT FOR HER SECOND SPORTING CHOICE OF RUNNING. WHY ? BECAUSE TRAINING AS A RUNNER DOESN'T COST SO MUCH !!

FRANCES SENT A REQUEST FOR HELP TO THE WILL TO WIN FOUNDATION AND RECEIVED A CALL FROM NICK WELLMAN THE FOUNDATION'S CHAIRMAN. SHE EXPLAINED TO NICK THAT HER DAUGHTER HANNAH, ONLY 9 YEARS OLD, SEEMED TO HAVE A GREAT TALENT FOR THE GAME OF TENNIS AND WAS WINNING SMALL TOURNAMENTS ALL AROUND THEIR LOCAL AREA.

INDEPENDENT REPORTS FROM COACHING EVALUATIONS SUPPORTED THIS AND HANNAH HAD BEEN INVITED TO TRAIN AT THE BOLTON ARENA. THE ONLY PROBLEM...NOT ENOUGH FINANCIAL HELP.

BUT THIS WAS THE REASON THAT THE WILL TO WIN FOUNDATION HAD BEEN CREATED. THE BRAIN CHILD OF STEVE RILEY THE FOUNDER OF WILL TO WIN LTD, BRINGING COMMUNITY TENNIS ON PROFESSIONAL LEVEL COURTS TO THOUSANDS OF PLAYERS IN THE LONDON AREA. STEVE'S PLAN TO MAKE TENNIS COACHING MORE ACCESSIBLE TO PLAYERS WITH TALENT BUT NOT ENOUGH CASH. HANNAH SEEMED A PERFECT RECIPIENT FOR HELP.

THE FUNDS GIVEN BY W2WF ENABLED HANNAH TO SECURE AMANDA TRIG AS TRAINER AT THE BOLTON ARENA FOR ONE DAY EACH WEEK. HER REGIME FOR THIS BEING A TOUGH ONE LASTING FROM 1PM TO 7 PM AND INCLUDING SQUAD TRAINING, ONE TO ONE, EXERCISES AND MUSCLE DEVELOPMENT.

A YEAR ON AND HANNAH, NOW 10 YEARS OLD, HAS BEEN SPOTTED BY TALENT ID WHO HAVE PERSUADED THE LTA TO TAKE HANNAH FULLY ON BOARD FOR COACHING. SHE HAS CHANGED COACH TO SUZIE RILEY, COACH FOR NAOMI BRODEY, AND NOW HAS SESSIONS TWICE A WEEK AT THE BOLTON ARENA. THE CHANGE IN HER FORTUNES DEMONSTRATED BY THE LTA FUNDING ALLOWING HER TO HAVE A TAXI TO AND FROM HER COACHING SESSIONS.

ALREADY PLANS ARE IN DEVELOPMENT FOR HANNAH TO MOVE TO TRAIN ABROAD NEXT YEAR AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITY IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO RELOCATE HER TO A SCHOOL VERY CLOSE TO THE BOLTON ARENA SO AS TO FACILITATE HER TRAINING UNTIL THIS HAPPENS.

THE TIMELY HELP GIVEN BY THE WILL TO WIN FOUNDATION WHICH, GAVE THE SUPPORT NECESSARY TO KEEP HER IN THE GAME AND FOR HER TALENT TO BE DISCOVERED.

WE ALL WISH HANNAH WELL IN HER TRAINING AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THIS TALENTED YOUNGSTER CAN ACHIEVE IN THE FUTURE.