



## **American Youth Table Tennis Partners with National Coaching Coalition – UP2US**

### **Qualified Coaches can now participate in American Youth Table Tennis After School Programs.**

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**New York City: October 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.** New York, N.Y. American Youth Table Tennis announced its partnership with UP2US' Coach Across America Program.

Coach Across America (CAA), the flagship program of Up2Us, is an innovative coaching model designed to inspire and reinvigorate a generation of young Americans threatened by obesity. CAA members will serve as coaches, experts and mentors—they will teach and support youth in under-resourced communities.

CAA recently received a \$1 million expansion grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The program will expand from 100 coaches in 2010 to an unprecedented 235 coaches in 2011. This expansion grant will allow Coach Across America to expand from 26 to 75 programs and serve an additional 13,500 under-resourced youth through our innovative coaching-based service model.

By partnering with UP2US, college students interested in volunteering to teach table tennis in after school programs may do so under the auspices of AYTTO. The program is another way that AYTTO can provide rich programming for its afterschool students and partners.

**American Youth Table Tennis** ([www.aytto.org](http://www.aytto.org)) is a not for profit organization dedicated to organizing, developing, and implementing innovative programs in the international sport of Table Tennis that promote the emotional and physical well-being of inner-city youth.

Up2Us ([www.up2us.org](http://www.up2us.org)) is a national coalition of **Sports-Based Youth Development** organizations. Since 2008, Up2Us has been leading the movement to use sports to address critical issues facing youth- issues like childhood obesity, poor health and nutrition, academic failure and antisocial behavior