



SquashWise®

## Statement of Purpose

**SquashWise is a change agent for Baltimore youth. We are a change agent for squash. We are a change agent for Baltimore.**

**We are committed to social change.** We partner with Baltimore's youth and families to advance equity in squash, education and personal development opportunities. We provide a safe and dynamic environment where the squash community becomes more accessible and welcoming for all.

**We are committed to Baltimore.** Our city has tremendous promise, yet it has a persistence of vastly different life experiences in athletics, education and opportunity. Our vision is to develop a new kind of inclusive community that comes together across historic divisions through a shared love of squash and educational opportunity.

**We are committed to young people.** We don't "serve," we don't "save;" we *partner* with Baltimore City youth on their personal journeys to become the future leaders and change-agents of our city and our world. Our students demonstrate tremendous educational and athletic achievements – out-pacing their peers in grades, matriculating to college at double the rate of the city average, and winning squash tournaments around the region.

**We are committed to educational equity.** We are far more than a sports team. In a city with vastly different resources between private and public schools, SquashWise provides an extra layer of support in addition to families, teachers, schools and neighborhood networks through tutoring, mentoring and college and career planning.

**We are committed to making the sport of squash a place of belonging for all.** Squash in the United States has a history of exclusivity. Through our youth programs, community squash events and accessible memberships, we are taking squash out of its traditional settings and increasing access to a terrific sport that should be enjoyed by greater numbers of people in many communities.

**We are committed to squash as a personal development tool.** Squash is a sport with tremendous potential for the development of friendships, professional networks, social capital and opportunities. At SquashWise, many more people can take advantage of the relationship-building and connections inherent in the sport.

**We are committed to growth and building community.** By establishing our permanent home at the historic Greyhound building, to open in 2025, we aim to bring communities together through the power of squash.

**Does this resonate with you? Become a part of our community!**

We have many ways to get involved! Try out for the team if you're a Baltimore City Public Schools 6th-10th grader; volunteer as a tutor or coach; donate or increase your donation; field a team in the SquashWise Rally fundraiser; host a career day; bring your colleagues for our 'Squash with Your Squad' team-building experience; contribute to our capital campaign. We need you to be a part of our team and community so we can continue to be a change agent in Baltimore.