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There are many employees at MaliVai that have had an influence on my life, however, Coach Devin has helped me the most and I consider him a MWYF hero. Coach Devin helped me understand how to fit in with the older kids and promoted good sportsmanship, gave me important tips about tennis, and he is a good role model.

Coach Devin taught me important tips like always stretch before and after a match. He told me to choose a racket that is suitable for your age and strength. Every Monday and Thursday I practice hitting the ball and playing other people. Another tip he talks about is to always keep your eyes on the ball. Determine your playing style. Beware of your opponent's game plan.

Tennis is a whole lot of fun. Coach Devin has helped me better myself by helping me with good sportsmanship, and now when I lose at anything I give the winner the respect he deserves. Sometimes I am not comfortable being the older kids and Coach Devin makes it easy for me to meet new friends and fit in by making me go first and when the other kids see I can play they want to play against me and we become friends. Tennis helped me find friends to talk about topics we have in common.

Coach Devin is a real role model. He is always smiling and positive with the kids. He tells jokes to make us laugh and compliments all the kids especially when we are practicing and we are able to hit the ball back and forth over the net for a long time. Coach Devin allows us time to do our homework because he tells us school is important to our life. He works well with everyone and keeps us safe.

In conclusion, there are many people at MaliVai that have had an impact in my life but Coach Devin is my hero because he helped me understand how to fit in with the older kids and promoted good sportsmanship, gave me important tips about tennis, and he is a good role model.