A Banner Year for Pat’s Legacy and The Pat Summitt Foundation

2017 has been an exceptional year for The Pat Summitt Foundation thanks to your generous support. This newsletter captures many of the highlights from this year, the most exciting and historic of which was the opening of The Pat Summitt Clinic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. The foundation has made its third annual $500,000 grant to the clinic, bringing its total financial support to just over $1.5 million because of your support.

Pat Summitt wanted to make a significant difference in the lives of patients and caregivers coping with Alzheimer’s disease and she wanted to advance research for treatment and a cure. The opening of The Pat Summitt Clinic represents what Pat set out to accomplish and it is merely just the beginning of our work on her behalf. Dr. Roberto Fernandez, the very first Pat Summitt Clinic Medical Director, assumed leadership of the clinic this year and we are proud to say that he demonstrates the passion, the selflessness, and the commitment to excellence that Pat would insist upon having in this important position.

As you know, Pat Summitt was also passionate about educating the public on Alzheimer’s disease. The foundation accomplishes this part of its mission by offering “Summitt Series” programs throughout the year and also making the resources from these programs available for free on our website. We also partner with organizations on educational programs and conferences and we award grants to support such initiatives.

The work we do is a privilege and a labor of love, and it is only possible because of your support – thank you. We hope you enjoy a peaceful holiday season and a wonderful 2018.

Patrick Wade, Executive Director of The Pat Summitt Foundation
January 2017 marked an historical milestone for The Pat Summitt Foundation as we opened The Pat Summitt Clinic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center.

“The establishment of The Pat Summitt Clinic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center allows us to dramatically increase our research, clinical trials, treatment, education, family caregiver support and other critical elements relative to the growing need for Alzheimer’s related services throughout our region and beyond,” said Joe Landsman, president and CEO of The University of Tennessee Medical Center. “It’s fitting that the clinic honors the unparalleled drive, determination, and commitment that Coach Pat Summitt demonstrated and taught so many of us, whether it was in an effort to win a national championship or on a mission to seek an end to a terrible disease. The latter will prove to be Pat’s greatest legacy.”

As the medical center grows its Alzheimer’s research and clinical trials initiatives, there are plans to create a 2,500-square-foot research lab to complement the 7,500-square-foot clinical space.

According to Pat Summit Clinic Medical Director Dr. Roberto Fernandez, the clinic will be well positioned to bridge the gap that so often exists between basic scientific research and clinical practice. Fernandez and his multi-disciplinary team will pursue multiple avenues of research that will advance our knowledge of Alzheimer’s disease and may lead to treatments and interventions that can slow or possibly stop cognitive decline and improve quality of life for those facing the disease.

“Pat’s vision for The Pat Summit Foundation was to make a difference in this disease starting here in East Tennessee through funding of education, patient and caregiver care, and clinical research,” said foundation advisory board chair, James A. Haslam, II. “The opening of The Pat Summitt Clinic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center is a realization of that vision that will have an impact on thousands of lives now and in the years to come.”

Visit patsummitt.org/clinic to learn more.

The Pat Summitt Clinic Medical Director

Roberto Fernandez, MD, MPH, PhD assumed the medical leadership role of The Pat Summitt Clinic when it opened in January.

Dr. Fernandez is a physician scientist and board certified neurologist with a subspecialty in behavioral neurology. From 2012-2016 he served as an assistant professor of neurology at University of Virginia Health and worked with the Memory and Aging Care Clinic. He is an accomplished and published researcher who served as either principal investigator or sub-investigator on numerous Alzheimer’s research projects and clinical trials. A native of Costa Rica, he received his MD degree at the Universidad Autónoma de Centro America. He earned a Masters of Public Health degree and a Ph.D. in Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, New York, where he subsequently completed a residency in Neurology and fellowship in behavioral neurology.

“I am humbled and honored to serve as medical director of The Pat Summitt Clinic,” said Dr. Fernandez. “Thanks to Coach Summitt’s vision and generosity, the tireless work of so many at UT Medical Center and The Pat Summitt Foundation, and the support of countless donors, we will now be able to expand access to high quality care and provide compassionate support to patients and caregivers across the region, all while advancing Alzheimer’s research with the ultimate goal of finding a cure.” Visit patsummitt.org/clinic to learn more.
Peyton Manning, Governor and First Lady Haslam Raise $670,000 in Nashville

Governor Bill Haslam and First Lady Crissy Haslam partnered with five-time NFL MVP and Pat Summitt Foundation Co-chair Peyton Manning to raise awareness and funds for The Pat Summitt Foundation. Two private, ticketed events held in September in Nashville together raised $670,000 to benefit the PSF.

A close friend of Summitt, Manning was instrumental in the development of both events. The first event was a luncheon hosted by Wellspire, a state-of-the-art learning center and event space in Nashville. Wellspire hosted 100 guests for an intimate discussion with Manning, moderated by ESPN/ABC college football analyst Kirk Herbstreit.

The evening’s event, hosted by Governor and First Lady Haslam at the Tennessee Executive Residence, included a performance from country music artist Eric Church. Church’s foundation, “The Chief Cares Fund,” also benefitted from the event as Manning presented a $10,000 check to Church as a surprise from The Pat Summitt Foundation in appreciation of Church’s contributions to the event.

East Tennessee Foundation Legacy Society

The East Tennessee Foundation (ETF) Legacy Society is a way for ETF to recognize donors who have made a long-term commitment to furthering philanthropy in our region through a “Legacy Gift” to a fund of ETF. The Pat Summitt Foundation is a qualifying fund.

Anyone who has established or completed a Legacy Gift to one of ETF’s funds is eligible for membership. A Legacy Gift is any of the following: real estate gifts, private business interest gifts, charitable trust gifts, and testamentary gifts through wills, trusts, or beneficiary designations.

The Legacy Society will include two membership levels: Mountains: for individuals, past and present, from whom an ETF fund has already received a completed Legacy Gift; and Rivers: for individuals who have informed ETF that they have created a planned Legacy Gift to be received in the future to benefit an ETF fund. River members will eventually transform into Mountain members when their planned Legacy Gifts are received.

All ETF Legacy Society donors will receive designated benefits and recognition. Eligible donors who prefer not to be recognized may opt out entirely or be included anonymously. Visit easttennesseefoundation.org to obtain your ETF Legacy Society membership today!

Pat Summitt Foundation Film

Two award-winning film producers traveled to Knoxville to spend a few days with The Pat Summitt Foundation staff and Pat Summitt Clinic staff to create a short video. Nancy Stern and Lisa Lax, the twin sisters that make up Lookalike Productions, have won the most prestigious awards in film and television and focus primarily on creating documentaries. They produced “Pat XO” several years ago, which was part of the ESPN “9 for IX” series and told the story of Pat Summitt’s career and her diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease. The video, which highlights the work of the PSF and the clinic, will be posted on our website soon. Stay tuned. We are immensely grateful to Nancy and Lisa for producing this exceptional video as a gift to the PSF.
Pedal for Pat

On Tuesday, October 17, a team of eight cyclists began a 1,098-mile journey over 11 days to raise awareness and funds for The Pat Summitt Foundation. The 1,098 miles represented the number of victories Pat Summitt and her Lady Vols achieved during her career as Head Coach of the Lady Vols. The initiative was named “Pedal for Pat” and was co-chaired by Josh Crisp and Lady Vol Hall of Famer Michelle Brooke-Marciniak. The ride started at the Pat Summitt Plaza on the UT Knoxville campus and ended in Key Largo, FL. The six cyclists that made up the team with Josh and Michelle included Mark Bottom, Mike Young, Pam Tanner, Brandon Feehery, Ginny Gilder, and Jon Crowson. Logistics were coordinated by Gabe West and a small army of volunteers put in countless hours along the way to make the ride successful. “Day-Riders” from various locations across the route participated as well. All 8 cyclists competed the journey and together raised over $100,000 for the PSF. Thanks to Pedal for Pat title sponsor, Mac’s Pharmacy in Knoxville, TN. Visit patsummitt.org/pedal to learn more.

Events

Events are held throughout the year across the country to benefit The Pat Summitt Foundation. These events are crucial to the success and long-term sustainability of the foundation. The PSF is grateful to the many volunteers and organizations that work so hard to coordinate these events and make them successful. Examples of events held in 2017 include Night at the Tennessee Smokies, Night at the Johnson City Cardinals, the Forget Me Not 5K, Race for the Summit (Memphis and Knoxville), Taste of Turkey Creek, Salute for a Cure, Pedal for Pat, the Alzheimer's Pansy Project, We Back Pat events, the SEC Win Challenge, The Summit Series, and golf tournaments in Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, and Bristol, VA. Visit patsummitt.org/events to learn more.

The Pat Summitt Foundation Educates the Public with The Summit Series

Two years ago the PSF launched The Summit Series as a way of promoting education of Alzheimer's disease and other topics related to brain health. The Summit Series includes programs offered to the public several times a year featuring expert speakers. Each installment offers a different lineup of speakers; topics presented over the last two years have included Music Therapy and How it Can Benefit Individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease, Self-Care for the Caregiver, Eating Healthy on the Mediterranean Diet, Mind Game (presented by Lady Vol alumna Chamique Holdsclaw), Palliative Care, Alzheimer's Disease Medications, Elder Law, Language Impairments Related to Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease Research, and more. The PSF posts videos and other materials from these presentations on its website for free so anyone throughout the world can learn about Alzheimer's disease and related topics. Visit patsummitt.org/learn to watch videos, view presentation slides, and to learn more about The Summit Series.
Pat Summitt Foundation
License Plate

We have over 700 pre-orders and need less than 300 before June 1st, 2018 to make the license plate a reality. Pre-order yours today at patsummitt.org/license!

Merchandise

Purchase Pat Summitt Foundation merchandise at patsummitt.org/shop. A portion of all proceeds benefits the foundation.

We Back Pat

2018 will mark the seventh consecutive year the SEC, in cooperation with its 14 member institutions, has organized a We Back Pat Week. At every SEC women’s basketball game from January 21st-28th, 2018, a variety of efforts will help to increase awareness of the foundation and its mission. The Lady Vols hosts Mississippi State on Sunday, January 21st, 2018 for its We Back Pat game.

SEC Win Challenge

The 2017-2018 SEC women’s basketball season will mark the sixth year of the SEC Win Challenge. University of Kentucky women’s basketball associate head coach and Lady Vol alumna Kyra Elzy and her husband Dexter Lander started this fundraiser and lead the initiative annually. Fans of all SEC teams can sign up to participate at patsummitt.org/challenge. The total amount raised over the last five seasons is more than $110,000 in support of The Pat Summitt Foundation’s fight against Alzheimer’s disease.
Thank you, Pat

On June 28th, to mark the one-year anniversary of the passing of Pat Summitt, The Pat Summitt Foundation posted short video tributes throughout the day on its website and social media platforms.

Messages of gratitude from former Lady Vols, fellow coaches and colleagues, friends, and loved ones of Pat’s were posted online at patsummitt.org/thankyoupat, where the videos may still be viewed.

WAYS TO GIVE

Giving to The Pat Summitt Foundation is easy and there are many ways to do it!

Donors may visit patsummitt.org/donate where there is information about setting up a recurring gift as well as making a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Matching Gifts - Double or Triple the Impact of Your Gift!

Please ask your employer if they match charitable gifts. A matching company donation means your gift to the PSF could be doubled or even tripled! Many companies also match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses/partners. Please contact your employer's human resources department to ask if charitable gifts are matched by your company.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

To learn more about giving options, including planned giving options, please contact Patrick Wade at (877) 524-1223 or pwade@patsummitt.org.

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