Pat Summitt Celebration of Life

The world lost a dear loved one this summer, someone we considered a leader, a teacher, and a friend. There will never be another one like Pat Summitt and we are all very fortunate to be witness to her coaching, her giving spirit, and her heroic stand against Alzheimer's disease. We are privileged to carry Pat's torch by supporting Alzheimer's patients, caregivers, and researchers. Thank you for helping make this possible.

Thousands of fans from across the country gathered at Thompson-Boling Arena on July 14th for a Celebration of Life of Pat Summitt, who passed away on June 28th. The celebration, which aired live on all Knoxville news outlets as well as ESPN2, featured heartfelt stories and tributes from Tyler Summitt, Robin Roberts, Shelley Collier, Tamika Catchings, Mickie DeMoss, Holly Warlick, and Peyton Manning.

In addition, a short video was shown that included touching farewells from several of Pat's former Lady Vols, including Candace Parker and Michelle Marciniak. Pat was celebrated for the unprecedented milestones she achieved as a coach, for the difference she made in the lives of her players and coaches, and for the impact she has made and will continue to make in the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

Thank you for supporting the work of The Pat Summitt Foundation.

- Patrick T. Wade, Executive Director, The Pat Summitt Foundation
"Get Your Game Face On!"

The University of Tennessee Athletics Department, in partnership with long-time sponsor DISH, The Pat Summitt Foundation and IMG College-Vol Network, developed a first-of-its kind community initiative this football season calling on Vol fans to “Get Your Game Face On!” At the Tennessee vs. Florida football game, fans were given eye black stickers with “Tennessee” and the “P” in Pat Summitt’s signature printed on them.

In appreciation of Neyland Stadium attendees rallying behind Alzheimer’s awareness, DISH presented a check for $102,455 to The Pat Summitt Foundation during the game.
The Pat Summitt Clinic

2016, the 5th anniversary of the creation of The Pat Summitt Foundation is a historic one as we open The Pat Summitt Clinic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. We also recruited and hired an exceptional medical director from The University of Virginia who will begin leading the clinic in January. As a result of the generous support of donors and friends across the country, The Pat Summitt Foundation has awarded $1.3 million in grants to date.

The Pat Summitt Clinic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center is a state-of-the-art clinical facility, designed to aid in the comfort and treatment of patients with Alzheimer’s and related dementias. The environmental features of the clinic are designed to meet the physical, social and cultural needs of patients in all stages of Alzheimer’s disease.

The Summitt Series

The Pat Summitt Foundation launched “The Summitt Series” earlier this year, a series of programs designed to educate the public on Alzheimer’s disease as well as a wide variety of topics related to brain health. The first program was held at The University of Tennessee Medical Center and featured presentations by three UTMC experts covering the following topics: “Eating Healthy on the Mediterranean Diet,” “Self-Care for Caregivers,” and “An Overview of Alzheimer’s and Dementia.”

The second program was co-hosted by the Knoxville Museum of Art and featured two speakers who presented on “Art and the Brain.” The third program featured a presentation on mental illness and mental health titled “Mind Game” by former Lady Vol, Chamique Holdsclaw. Future installments of “The Summitt Series” will be announced on our webpage and via our e-news and social media outlets.

Videos of all these presentations may be viewed at www.patsummitt.org/learn
East Tennessee Foundation Celebrates 30 Years of Changing Lives

The Pat Summitt Foundation is a fund of East Tennessee Foundation, which celebrated its 30th anniversary this year. As a community foundation serving 25 counties in the region through provision of grants and scholarships, ETF has awarded more than $223 million to individuals, and in grants to nonprofits, throughout its history. These resources are funded by donors and the more than 400 different philanthropic funds ETF manages. To learn more please visit www.easttennesseefoundation.org, like us on facebook: www.facebook.com/etfdn and follow us on twitter: @etfoundation.

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Leaders at The University of Tennessee Medical Center announced neurologist Roberto Fernandez, MD, MPH, PhD, as the medical director of The Pat Summitt Clinic. The clinic is set to open at the end of the year and bears the name of the late Pat Summitt, the legendary college women’s basketball coach who passed away earlier this year after facing Alzheimer’s disease.

Fernandez will assume the medical leadership role and assist in the opening of the clinic, which The University of Tennessee Medical Center is opening on its campus with partnership funding support from The Pat Summitt Foundation. The establishment of the clinic is intended to dramatically increase research, clinical trials, treatment, education, and other critical elements relative to the growing need for Alzheimer’s related services. The number of Americans with the disease currently stands at approximately 5.5 million and is expected to nearly triple, to 16 million, by the year 2050.

“Dr. Fernandez is one of the leading experts on Alzheimer’s disease and possesses the knowledge and passion to make The Pat Summitt Clinic a diagnosis, treatment, caregiver support, and research facility that is truly worthy of Pat Summitt’s name,” said Steve Ross, senior vice president for strategic development at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. “His leadership also will allow us to attract the most talented clinicians to join and grow our outstanding Alzheimer’s team at the medical center on behalf of those facing Alzheimer’s disease throughout our region.”

Fernandez is a physician scientist and board certified neurologist with a subspecialty in behavioral neurology. Since 2012, he has served as an assistant professor of neurology at University of Virginia Health and has worked with the Memory and Aging Care Clinic. At the clinic he works closely with a multidisciplinary group of neuropsychologists, nurses, care coordinators and social workers to provide care and support to patients suffering from dementia. He is also actively involved in clinical trials of new treatments for Alzheimer’s disease. 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 be named medical director of The Pat Summitt Clinic,” said Dr. Roberto Fernandez. “Over the past several months, I’ve learned much about Coach Summitt’s extraordinary accomplishments and most importantly, her incredible human qualities. Her courageous fight against Alzheimer’s disease is one that is taken on by millions of patients around the world. Thanks to Coach Summitt’s vision and generosity, the tireless work of so many at UT Medical Center and The Pat Summit 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.”

The sharp rise in Alzheimer’s cases and the need for Alzheimer’s related care and services is particularly high in the Knoxville region. Medical center representatives say their current Alzheimer’s clinic, which treats and serves about 3,000 patients and their families, is at its maximum capacity. That number is expected to increase to approximately 6,000 within the next five years.

“We are excited to reach this historic milestone in our partnership with The University of Tennessee Medical Center to establish The Pat Summitt Clinic,” said James A. Haslam, II, chairman of The Pat Summitt Foundation Advisory Board. “It was coach Summitt’s wish that making a difference in the battle against Alzheimer’s disease would be part of her lasting legacy. Today, as we welcome Dr. Roberto Fernandez and his wife, Dr. Denia Ramirez, to Knoxville, we have taken another significant step in accomplishing that goal on behalf of Pat.”
WAYS TO GIVE

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

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