THIRD ANNUAL NASHVILLE DINNER EVENT, HOSTED BY PEYTON MANNING, RAISES OVER $500,000 FOR THE PAT SUMMITT FOUNDATION

Private event at the Thompson Nashville raises funds to support fight against Alzheimer’s disease.

Nashville, Tenn., September 19, 2019 – Peyton Manning, five-time National Football League MVP, raises awareness and funds for The Pat Summitt Foundation, a fund of East Tennessee Foundation. A private, ticketed dinner held Wednesday at the Thompson Nashville raised more than $500,000 to benefit the fund established by the late head coach of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteer basketball team, Pat Summitt. Manning serves as Honorary Co-Chair of the Pat Summitt Foundation and was a close personal friend of the late coach. He has been an integral part of each piece of these dinners, which has resulted in very successful fundraisers.

“It was an honor to call Pat Summitt my friend and my mentor. We had a special bond from the first moment I stepped foot on the University of Tennessee,” Manning said. “Her leadership on and off the court was and is an example of what we should strive to achieve in everything we do. It is a privilege to help carry on Coach’s legacy and her fight against Alzheimer’s.”

Last night’s event started with guests taking in the Nashville skyline while enjoying five delicious food stations by the culinary staff at The Thompson- L.A. Jackson and a live auction. Following the dinner, guests proceeded to the Station Inn for the second portion of the night’s featured events, which included a chat moderated by Jon Meacham with Manning and country music superstar Brad Paisley as well as a performance by the acclaimed Chris Stapleton. The Outlaw State of Kind Foundation, a cause close to the hearts of Stapleton and his wife, also benefitted from the affair when Manning surprised them with a $10,000 check from The Pat Summitt Foundation.

The Pat Summitt Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations that provide research, education and awareness of Alzheimer’s disease, as well as support services to patients, their families, and caregivers. In 2019, The Foundation had a record-breaking year awarding over
$742,000 to nonprofits across the state, including its annual grant of $500,000 to help fund The Pat Summitt Clinic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center, a state-of-the-art, multi-disciplinary Alzheimer’s clinic. The amount raised yesterday at the dinner is a notable achievement because it exceeds the $500,000 needed for the 2019 grant awarded to the Clinic by the Foundation.

“On behalf of The Pat Summitt Foundation, we are very thankful to Ashley and Peyton Manning and Chris Stapleton for their significant contributions to this year’s dinner,” said Joan Cronan, Chairman of the Pat Summitt Foundation Advisory Board. “The work we do together to honor Pat’s legacy will grow, thanks to this successful event.”

About The Pat Summitt Foundation
The Pat Summitt Foundation, a fund of East Tennessee Foundation, was established by Pat and Tyler Summitt in November 2011. Its mission is to award grants to nonprofit organizations that advance research for treatment and a cure, provide care and support for patients and caregivers, and educate the public about Alzheimer’s disease. To learn more, please visit www.patsummitt.org, like the foundation on facebook.com/webackpat, and follow it on Twitter and Instagram @webackpat.

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