

Kyle Charvat Foundation

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Second Annual Kyle Charvat Foundation Golf Tournament to be held at the Golf Club at Newcastle

(Newcastle, WA) – The 2nd Annual Kyle Charvat Foundation Golf Tournament will be held this Thursday, May 15, at the Golf Club at Newcastle. The golf portion of the event will begin at 1:30 PM with a dinner gala and auction to follow beginning at 6:00 PM.

At the time of this release, there were 134 registered golfers and more than 170 individuals scheduled to attend the gala and auction. Last year, the inaugural golf tournament, held on August 25, 2006 at Washington National Golf Club in Auburn, WA, included 96 participants and raised more than \$20,000 in net proceeds.

More than 30 different companies are sponsoring the event, either through participation, product donation, or monetary donation. The Title Sponsor for the tournament is E.K. Riley Investments. Other sponsors include Advantage Golf Greens, CB Richard Ellis, Comcast – Business Class, Johnstone Supply, Intelius, Northwest Partitions, Silver Cloud Inns & Hotels, and Theta Chi Fraternity.

“We have been able to use last year’s tournament success as a springboard to really increase participation this year,” said foundation President and Chairman Greg Bullington. “Nearly all of our sponsors from the inaugural tournament are participating again and we have added many more to really round out the field of players this year. We are anxiously awaiting Thursday.”

The Kyle Charvat Foundation provides financial assistance to young people suffering from life-threatening illnesses for treatments not covered by health insurance.

Kyle, a graduate of Woodinville High School in 2002 and honorary graduate of the University of Washington in 2006, fought a very challenging battle with brain cancer and was able to extend his life by more than a year by receiving innovative, cutting-edge treatment. Kyle’s courage throughout his illness inspired our desire to offer ‘a helping hand’ to those facing similar circumstances.

When Kyle was told that his insurance provider would not foot the bill for experimental surgery, his friends and family began a fundraising effort to help provide financing. Among the fundraising campaigns, his fraternity, Theta Chi, sold wrist bands similar to the ‘Live Strong’ bands made popular by Lance Armstrong. In all, more than \$105,000 was donated to Kyle and his family.

John Sharify of KOMO TV featured Kyle’s story several times during his People Helper segment.

“We are excited about continuing to build this foundation,” said Bullington. “Our target recipients are truly an overlooked segment of our community. We have recently added a renowned oncologist from the University of Washington, Dr. Jay Douglas, to our Board of Directors, which will help us to identify patients in need, as well as ensure that we are funding medically credible treatments as we continue to grow the foundation and distribute funds.”

To learn more about the Kyle Charvat Foundation, please visit: www.kylecharvatfoundation.org.

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