



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pat's Run returning April 17, 2010

*Four months from today the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pat's Run will return to Tempe uniting over 20,000 runners, walkers and spectators from around the country celebrating Pat's legacy.*

Tempe, Arizona - December 17, 2009 – The Pat Tillman Foundation is pleased to announce the Sixth Annual Pat's Run is returning to the Valley this spring on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at ASU's Sun Devil Stadium. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, Pat's Run unites runners, walkers and spectators from around the country to celebrate Pat's life and legacy at his alma mater – Arizona State University.

Pat's Run is the signature annual fundraiser for the Pat Tillman Foundation in support of its educational scholarships and programs. Proceeds from Pat's Run make a direct and positive impact in the lives of the scholars who receive support from our Foundation. By funding these scholars, from Arizona to Maryland and all across the country, the Foundation is enabling those individuals who have already served a cause greater than self. Registration is now open at [patsrun.com](http://patsrun.com).

The event celebrates the life of Pat Tillman, a scholar-athlete who first earned Arizona's respect through his academic achievements and accomplishments as a football player for Arizona State University and then in the NFL as an Arizona Cardinal. Pat graduated in three and a half years with a 3.97 grade-point average before being drafted by the Cardinals. His dominating defensive play made him a key player to watch on the field.

After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Pat walked away from a 3.6 million dollar NFL contract to enlist in the U.S. Army. This decision was just one of many he made over the course of his lifetime to help others and serve a cause greater than self-interest. The Tillman family and friends created the Pat Tillman Foundation in 2004, following Pat's death while serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment in Afghanistan.

Pat's Run offers a chance for everyone to take action in Pat's name by running or walking 4.2 miles. The course winds through Tempe and ends in dramatic fashion on the 42-yard line of Sun Devil Stadium's Frank Kush Field. Participants twelve years old and younger can test themselves in a .42-mile run. All the distances commemorate the number 42, which Pat wore during his days in a Sun Devils uniform.

### About the Pat Tillman Foundation

Inspired by the distinguished life and legacy of Pat Tillman – professional athlete, military hero and a man of strong character and kindness – the Pat Tillman Foundation is the national leader in providing resources and educational support to veterans, active servicemembers and their families. The Pat Tillman Foundation is committed to building a community of scholars dedicated to improving their own lives, the lives of their families and their country by creating a spirit of service.

For more information on Pat's Run and the Pat Tillman Foundation, visit [www.patsrun.com](http://www.patsrun.com) or [www.pattillmanfoundation.org](http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org)

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