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Marie Tillman to Speak at Harvard University on March 2

Tempe, Ariz. (Feb. 28, 2011) – This week, Marie Tillman, founder of the Pat Tillman Foundation is speaking at Harvard University’s Center for Public Leadership. Her presentation titled, “The Marie Tillman Story: Finding Purpose in the Face of Adversity” will take place Wednesday, March 2 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Harvard Faculty Club, located at 20 Quincy Street in Cambridge, MA.

Marie will share her own story, offering insight on how to translate moments of personal tragedy, adversity and reflection into catalysts for positive social change.

In addition to Marie Tillman’s presentation, Tillman Military Scholars from the Harvard community will participate in a panel during the second half of the evening. The panel will be moderated by Hunter I Riley, director of programs at the Pat Tillman Foundation. More than 150 guests are expected to attend the event.

After this gathering, the Tillman Military Scholars will be packaging personal items and letters to send to wounded veterans who are hospitalized at the local VA and to deployed servicemembers passing through the Pat Tillman USO in Afghanistan. Attendees are encouraged to write letters or donate store gift cards, packaged healthy snacks, DVDs, CDs, new magazines, paperback books, crosswords, sealed hygiene products or cell phones that can be recycled.

In 2008, under Marie’s leadership, the Pat Tillman Foundation established the Tillman Military Scholars program to support educational opportunities for servicemembers and their families by filling the financial gaps in the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. The Tillman Military Scholars program covers direct study-related expenses such as tuition and books, as well as, other basic needs like housing and childcare.

About the Pat Tillman Foundation

Family and friends established the Pat Tillman Foundation in 2004, following Pat’s death while serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment in Afghanistan. Created to honor Pat’s legacy and pay tribute to his commitment to leadership and service, the Pat Tillman Foundation is a national leader in providing educational support and resources to veterans, active servicemembers and their dependents. Inspired by Pat’s attributes of leadership, passion for education and spirit of service, the Foundation annually awards educational scholarships through the Tillman Military Scholars program. To date, the Foundation has provided over \$1.3 million in scholarships to 111 active servicemembers, veterans and dependents. For more information on the Pat Tillman Foundation, visit www.pattillmanfoundation.org.

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