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Pat Tillman Legacy Summit Convenes in Washington, D.C. July 10-12 Three-Day Summit to Focus on Leadership and Service

Tempe, Ariz. (July 6, 2011) – Next week, the [Pat Tillman Foundation](http://www.patillmanfoundation.org) will host the three-day Pat Tillman Legacy Summit in the Washington, D.C./Baltimore region for 95 Tillman Military Scholars and board members. The group will convene at the University of Maryland in College Park from July 10-12, 2011 to participate in leadership development and job skills workshops and community service projects. In addition, Tillman Military Scholars will have the opportunity to meet with key U.S. Congressional members to share their personal experiences and to bring awareness to the challenges and hardships faced by military families today.

“The financial support the Foundation provides to our Tillman Military Scholars is just the beginning,” explains Marie Tillman, founder and chair of the Pat Tillman Foundation. “Over 90% of military families feel disconnected from the rest of the country and believe their fellow Americans have little to no understanding of their experience. Our Scholars often share that the greatest honor associated with being selected is becoming a member of the Tillman Community. The Legacy Summit not only provides the Scholars the opportunity to meet in person to share their experiences with and learn from each other, but it also serves as a platform to educate their local congress representatives and the community about the unique challenges they face.”

An integral part of the Foundation’s mission is community service, making it a natural fit for the Tillman Military Scholars to participate in a service project while gathering for the 2nd Annual Pat Tillman Legacy Summit.

On Monday, July 11, from 2-6 p.m., 95 Tillman Military Scholars will join approximately 50 volunteers from The Mission Continues, The 6th Branch, One Green Home, Baltimore BORN, Baltimore Love Project and the Veteran Artist Program to conduct service projects. The group will work together to refurbish parks, remove trash and paint murals in the Oliver neighborhood of Baltimore, an economically depressed part of town negatively impacted by housing abandonment and crime. Tillman Military Scholars will guide and mentor the youth of Baltimore BORN who will also participate in the day of service.

Following the day of service, the Tillman Military Scholars and other community volunteers will attend a post-event reception hosted by the Pat Tillman Foundation, The 6th Branch and Veteran Artist Program at The Skylofts Gallery from 7-9 p.m. Guests will enjoy dinner, refreshments, live music and an original exhibit called *Remembering* courtesy of the Veteran Artist Program.



Media is invited to attend the Day of Service and parking will be available near the corner of Broadway and Oliver. To RSVP or schedule an interview, please call Lindsay Hansen, PR Consultant at 480.205.6195 or via email at lindsay@ldhconsulting.net.

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 invested over \$4 million in scholarship support to individuals committed to a life of service both in and out of uniform. For more information, visit www.pattillmanfoundation.org.

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