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The Brain Aneurysm Foundation Hosts Fifth Annual “Teeing Off For Terry” Golf Tournament

Event to be held in honor of Terry A. Kersting on Saturday, July 7, at Golf Club of Wentzville

Wentzville, MO, DATE, 2018 — Tara Byrne and her family are organizing the fifth annual “Teeing off for Terry” tournament, at the Golf Club of Wentzville, on Saturday, July 7th, in memory of her aunt Terry A. Kersting, who unexpectedly suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm and passed away in 2013. Proceeds will benefit the Brain Aneurysm Foundation’s (BAF) work to increase awareness, education, support and advocacy for the disease. Additionally, a portion of the funds will support the Terry A. Kersting Chair of Research, which is a part of the Brain Aneurysm Foundation’s 1 in 50 campaign. The initiative supports imperative neurological research that will one day change the outcome for people with brain aneurysms. Over the last four years “Teeing off for Terry” has raised \$74 thousand.

After Terry’s sudden passing, her family decided to turn the tragic experience into something positive, and give back and educate their community about brain aneurysm disease. “Our family didn’t know what a brain aneurysm was until my aunt passed away from a rupture. If we had known about the disease, maybe it could have been detected and treated,” said Byrne. Through research Byrne and her family found the Brain Aneurysm Foundation and they have been working together ever since. “Since we started ‘Teeing off for Terry’ in partnership with the BAF, we have connected with so many families that have similar stories. We hope that through the event and by sharing Terry’s story we are able to raise awareness and potentially save someone’s life.”

“One in 50 people has a brain aneurysm; that is why events such as ‘Teeing off for Terry’ and the research it supports through the Terry A. Kersting Chair of Research are so important,” said Brain Aneurysm Foundation Executive Director Christine Buckley. “It’s also great to see a community come together to celebrate survivors and honor those such as Terry, who have unexpectedly lost their lives to a brain aneurysm rupture.”

“Teeing off for Terry” has been a highly anticipated event since it began in the summer of 2014. This year, a total of 36 teams consisting of 144 golfers and 50 volunteers will participate. Tickets sold out in just 13 hours. “Teeing off for Terry” is still accepting donations, [here](#).

Mid-America Transplant Services will also be on site, providing attendees the opportunity to become organ donors. Five months before Terry passed away, she became an organ donor. Several people received organ transplants thanks to Terry’s selfless act.

Brain Aneurysms by the numbers:

- Six million people in the U.S. have a brain aneurysm, 30,000 of whom will suffer a rupture each year;
 - of the 30,000, 60 percent will survive;
 - of those who survive, approximately 66 percent will endure permanent neurological

deficits that limit their ability to resume a normal life.

- Women, more than men, suffer from brain aneurysms at a ratio of 3:2.
- African-Americans are twice as likely as Caucasians to experience a brain aneurysm rupture.
- The cost of treating brain aneurysms and caring for those who have suffered a rupture nationally is in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually.
- Currently the federal government only spends .83 cents per year on brain aneurysm research for each person afflicted.

ABOUT THE BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION

Founded in Boston and now based in Hanover, Massachusetts, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation is the globally recognized leader in brain aneurysm awareness, education, support, advocacy and research funding.

The foundation's mission is to provide information about and raise awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of brain aneurysms to prevent ruptures and subsequent death and disability; work with medical communities to provide support networks for patients and families; and advance research to improve patients' outcomes and save lives.

Established in 1994, the foundation is led by Executive Director Christine Buckley and has a Medical Advisory Board that comprises more than 30 of the nation's foremost aneurysm experts — neurologists, neurosurgeons, interventional neuroradiologists and other brain aneurysm specialists — from the country's leading hospitals and universities.

For more information about the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, visit bafound.org.

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