

EARL YOUNG'S TEAM

Defeating Blood Cancer Thru Donor Awareness

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Pat and Pete Schenkel Charitable Trust Commits \$80,000 Gift to Launch Earl Young's Team Legacy Leadership Program Pilot on College Campuses

Founding gift creates sustainable student leadership infrastructure for campus swab drives at universities, beginning Fall 2026

DALLAS, Texas (July 2026) — Earl Young's Team (EYT), a Dallas-based nonprofit dedicated to defeating blood cancer through blood stem cell donor awareness, today announced an \$80,000 founding gift from the Pat and Pete Schenkel Charitable Trust to launch the Earl Young's Team Legacy Leadership Program. The gift funds the full 2026–2027 pilot year of the new initiative designed to build lasting, student-led leadership for swab drives on college campuses.

For more than a decade, EYT has built campus swab drives one student leader at a time. When that student graduates, the program on that campus often starts over. The Legacy Leadership Program solves that problem by creating a replicable infrastructure: a trained student leadership team, an institutional playbook, and a campus partnership model built to last well beyond any single class of students.

Beginning fall 2026, the program will launch across pilot campuses. Each campus will recruit and train a dedicated student leadership team, partner with student life organizations such as Greek life, athletics, nursing, pharmacy, social work, and residence life, and work toward registering 150 or more new potential donors annually. A summer student leadership summit will bring team leads from all five campuses together each year, and the model is designed to expand to 40 or more campuses in subsequent years.

“One of our biggest hurdles has always been maintaining swab drive leadership on campuses once student leaders graduate,” said Earl Young, Founder and President of Earl Young’s Team. “This program fixes that, permanently. Pat and Pete’s generosity gives us the infrastructure to make sure that every fall, on every one of these campuses, there’s a trained team ready to register the next generation of lifesavers.”

The program will be co-branded as Earl Young’s Team Legacy Leadership Program sponsored by the Pat and Pete Schenkel Charitable Trust across all pilot campuses for the 2026–2027 academic year. The gift will be recognized at EYT’s 2026 Breakfast of Champions on October 29 at the Arts District Mansion in Dallas, where the Trust will be honored at the Legacy Leadership/Diamond sponsorship level.

“Pat and Pete’s names have always stood for the kind of giving that quietly changes things with a view to the future,” said Stacey Young Mayfield, Legacy Director at Earl Young’s Team. “This gift

does exactly that. It's not just funding a single drive season, it's building something that will outlast all of us and keep saving lives for years to come."

Since its founding in 2015 by Olympic gold medalist and leukemia survivor Earl Young, EYT has registered more than 41,000 potential donors, resulting in more than 185 confirmed matches for patients battling leukemia, lymphoma, sickle cell disease, aplastic anemia, and more than 70 other diseases treatable only through a blood stem cell transplant. Because donors between the ages of 18 and 30 produce the best patient outcomes, EYT has long focused its registration efforts on college campuses, and the Legacy Leadership Program represents the organization's most significant investment yet in making that work sustainable.

EYT will deliver a stewardship report to the Trust by June 2027 detailing registrant outcomes and campus impact from the program's pilot year.

About Earl Young's Team

Earl Young's Team is a Dallas-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2015 by Olympic gold medalist and leukemia survivor Earl Young. EYT defeats blood cancer through bone marrow stem cell donor awareness and registry drives, primarily at college campuses and high schools, in partnership with DKMS. Since its founding, EYT has registered more than 41,000 potential donors and helped facilitate more than 185 confirmed matches. Learn more at earlyyoungsteam.org. For more information about hosting a swab drive, contact Amy Roseman at Amy@EarlYoungsTeam.org

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