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### **Team Tony Foundation Gives Generous Donation to Cancer Fighter Geri Russell**

August 16, 2011 – (Sarasota, Florida) – Tony McEachern, brain cancer survivor and founder of Team Tony Foundation, announced today that the foundation has given a \$500 donation to cancer fighter Geri Russell of Seattle, Washington. Russell was recently diagnosed with stage four brain cancer in June, and is undergoing rigorous treatment.

Elizabeth Morgan of Sarasota accepted the check on behalf of Russell, her mother. Morgan is an employee of Gateway Bank, an organization that has supported McEachern's cancer fundraising efforts since inception in 2009. In addition, Shaun P. Merriman, President & CEO of Gateway Bank, serves as board member and Corporate Secretary for the foundation.

"The mission of Team Tony Foundation is to raise cancer awareness and provide 1-on-1 support and resources to those diagnosed with cancer," says McEachern. He continued, "When we learned of Ms. Russell's diagnosis, we were happy to provide her with financial and moral support, and let her know she is not alone in her fight."

McEachern added, "Gateway Bank has been an avid supporter of our organization, and it is a good feeling to see the generosity come full circle."

**About Team Tony Foundation:** Founded in Sarasota, Florida, Team Tony Foundation is a federally registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization made up of cancer survivors helping cancer fighters. Members of the organization believe the cancer journey can be made easier for the cancer fighter when the experience is shared by a cancer survivor who has been there, who understands, and can provide 1-on-1 support along the way. This unique service is free to anyone who's been touched by cancer.

**Cycle of Life:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Cycle of Life" event is a 2-day, 200 mile bike ride to raise funds for Team Tony Foundation. The ride begins on October 8, 2011, in Ormond Beach, Florida, and ends the next day on Main Street in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. For more information, visit [www.teamtony.org](http://www.teamtony.org) or contact Tony McEachern at 941-925-2241.

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Elizabeth Morgan accepts the check from Team Tony Foundation.

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