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## **The Foundation Raises \$170,000 at the Legacy Gala**

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ALEXANDRIA, VA, (June 25, 2012) - The Foundation for Physical Therapy received \$170,000 in charitable contributions at the "Legacy Gala" during APTA's Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida, June 7, 2012.

Foundation Board of Trustees member Stanley Paris, PT, PhD, FAPTA, FAAOMPT, announced his attempt to become the oldest person to solo circumnavigate the globe nonstop by sailboat. Paris also believes he can set a new record by completing the sail in less than 150 days. The trip will also be used to raise funds and awareness for the Foundation for Physical Therapy. Paris issued a \$100,000 matching gift challenge during the "Legacy Gala," which prompted \$70,000 in contributions by the audience. Paris and his wife Catherine Patla, PT, DHSc, OCS, surprised the guests in attendance by deciding to donate the full \$100,000 to the Foundation.

"The Foundation is immensely honored by Stanley and Catherine's generosity, and incredibly pleased by the audience's enthusiastic response to the challenge. We are most grateful to all those who made a donation to the Foundation during the gala," said Foundation Board of Trustees President William G. Boissonnault, PT, DPT, DHSc, FAPTA, FAAOMPT.

The Foundation also recognizes Marilyn Moffat, PT, DPT, PhD, DSc (hon), CSCS, CEEAA, FAPTA, for making a gift of \$20,000 to support the Marilyn Moffat Fund for Geriatric Research; and acknowledges others who made leadership level gifts of \$5,000 or more: BTE Technologies, the Florida Physical Therapy Association, the Orthopedic Section – APTA, Pat Traynor, and Tri-WG.

The Foundation for Physical Therapy was established in 1979 as a national, independent nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality and delivery

of physical therapy care by providing support for scientifically based and clinically relevant physical therapy research and doctoral scholarships and fellowships.

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