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LOCAL NEWS

Portland's Music Community Shows Ongoing Support

Musicians Rally for Cherished Friend Fighting Leukemia

Last Christmas, longtime Portland music scene veteran Tony Hilsmeier received an unwelcome surprise.

At 54, the 15-year employee of Serratto restaurant on Northwest 21st Avenue (where customers' children know him as "Uncle Tony") had just purchased his first house. As he packed up the rental apartment he'd called home for 25 years, he noticed a swelling in his feet that didn't seem right. An emergency room visit turned into an extended stay at Oregon Health & Science University's (OHSU) Knight Cancer Institute. Before Hilsmeier had unpacked a single box at his new Cully neighborhood fixer-upper, he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), one of the deadliest forms of blood cancer affecting bone marrow.

After several rounds of chemotherapy, in June 2023 Hilsmeier received a potentially life-saving bone marrow transplant. He continues to receive infusions from his OHSU medical team multiple times each week.

"This cancer fight for my life has taken me to some dark plac-



Doctor at 'The Knight Cancer Institute' and Tony Hilsmeier

es, but I believe in miracles," said Hilsmeier. "I keep myself positive with the help of my incredible medical team at OHSU and the love and support of my friends, loved ones and community."

Hilsmeier has the strength of the Portland music community in his corner. His family of friends, bandmates and colleagues have begun to raise the funds needed to cover his mortgage, medical and life expenses thus far. However, as he continues to recover from his transplant and fight for his

life, Hilsmeier needs additional financial support. His health and ongoing hospital stays have left him unable to work since December 2023. A GoFundMe for Hilsmeier has been set up. Please consider contributing so Hilsmeier can focus his full energies on fighting his leukemia.

Hilsmeier has been a loyal supporter of local music for three decades, and is the founding singer, songwriter and guitarist for Portland rock band Go Fever, among many other musical collaborations.

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Blazer's G League Head Coach!

Former assistant coach returns home

The Portland G League team, the official NBA G League affiliate of the Portland Trail Blazers, has announced Jim Moran as the franchise's first head coach.

Moran returns to the Pacific Northwest as the head coach of the Portland G League team after he began his NBA coaching career with the Portland Trail Blazers in 2014-15, where he first served as the team's associate video coordinator. Moran was promoted to an assistant coach in 2015 and served in the role through the 2020-21 season.

Most recently, Moran spent the past two seasons (2021-23) as an assistant coach for the Detroit Pistons. His coaching career started in 2013



Trail Blazers face the Indiana Pacers on October 29, 2018. Bruce Ely / Trail Blazers

as a player development coach with the Maine Red Claws of the then NBA Development League.

Moran played his entire professional career with CB Gran Canaria in the Spanish ACB League from 2001-11. He was the first player to have his jersey number retired by the club, and he finished his career

with 2,060 points, 802 rebounds and 321 assists.

A native of Syosset, NY, Moran played collegiately at William & Mary where he was named to the All-Colonial Athletic Association Team in both his junior and senior seasons. He also played for the Irish Men's National Team from 2001-06.