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Pufahl Farricker Spirit Foundation Celebrates 25 Years of Spirit and a Legacy That Will Endure

Colorado Springs, September 12, 2026— After 25 years of honoring the lives of two beloved members of the ultimate frisbee community, the Pufahl Farricker Spirit Foundation is announcing the conclusion of its work as a nonprofit corporation, along with the steps it has taken to ensure that work never truly ends.

*Founded to celebrate the spirit of **Kathy Pufahl** and **Peter “Wheels” Farricker**, two friends lost too soon to terrible diseases, the Foundation has spent a quarter century channeling those losses into generosity. Over that time, it has raised more than **\$300,000**, directing **\$250,000** of that total to ALS organizations in recognition of the disease that took Peter, and distributing the remainder to **Ultimate Peace**, **Ultimate Impact**, and **USA Ultimate’s Girls Ultimate Movement** — organizations that share the Foundation’s commitment to growing the game and the values it represents.*

*Among the Foundation’s most enduring contributions is its instrumental role in establishing two of USA Ultimate’s most prestigious individual honors; the **Peter Farricker Spirit Award**, given annually to the men’s club division player who best exemplifies personal responsibility, integrity, and fairness combined with a high standard of play and the **Kathy Pufahl Spirit Award**, given to the women’s club division player who best embodies the ethos of Spirit of the Game alongside a personal commitment to giving back to the sport.*

*To ensure these awards outlast the Foundation itself, the Pufahl Farricker Spirit Foundation has donated funds to USA Ultimate to guarantee the awards continue **in perpetuity**. The full list of past recipients — a roster of some of the sport’s finest ambassadors — can be found at usaultimate.org/spirit-of-the-game/celebrating-spirit/.*

“While the Foundation will cease to exist as a legal entity this year, the work will not,” said president Phil Adams. “Kathy and Peter lived with remarkable spirit. These awards keep their legacies alive on fields across the country every year.”

The Foundation thanks all who donated, volunteered, and participated over the past 25 years, and looks forward to seeing you on September 19th at the [ALS Spirit Ride](#) and in October at USA Ultimate’s National Championships.

To participate in the 2026 Spirit Ride or make a donation in support of ALS research, please view the [Phil Adams Team Page for The Spirit Ride](#).

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