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# COACH KILL IN TOWN TO HONOR HIS PLEDGE TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY

Kill's benefit raises nearly \$200,000 for Chasing Dreams Coach Kill Epilepsy Fund

**Minneapolis, MN – September 9, 2016** – Former University of Minnesota head football Coach Jerry Kill returned to the gopher state on Friday, September 9 to host a benefit in conjunction with the release of his new book.

The Coach Kill Book Signing Benefit hosted 200+ guests for a short program and breakfast, with the WCCO Morning Show with Dave Lee. Event proceeds supported the Chasing Dreams Coach Kill Epilepsy Fund, founded by Coach Jerry and Rebecca Kill through the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota (EFMN).

Kill's newly released book, "Chasing Dreams: Living My Life One Yard at a Time," chronicles his successful football coaching career, national advocacy work for people with epilepsy and his message that all people should have the chance to chase their dreams.

The benefit successfully raised nearly \$200,000 to continue Kill's fund's support of Camp Oz and Seizure Smart Schools. "Coach Kill coming back to Minnesota to support epilepsy through the release of his new book underscores the commitment he pledged two years ago to the 60,000 people with epilepsy in our community," said Heidi Fisher, EFMN Executive Director.

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#### About the Chasing Dreams Coach Kill Epilepsy Fund

In May 2014, Coach Kill and his wife Rebecca established the Chasing Dreams Coach Kill Epilepsy Fund with the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota. The fund empowers youth with epilepsy by providing support for classroom education and training through Seizure Smart Schools and support for the one-week residential Camp Oz. Visit efmn.org/chasingdreams for information.

#### About the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota

The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota envisions a world where people with seizures realize their full potential. The Foundation's programs and services cover MN and Eastern ND. For information, visit effm.org.

#### **About Epilepsy**

One in 10 people will have a seizure in their lifetime, and 1 in 26 develop epilepsy. It's more common than people think, with a similar prevalence rate to breast cancer in the U.S. Yet it's one of the most under-funded and stigmatized conditions. EFMN works tirelessly to raise public awareness, decrease stigma and provide resources to help people rise above seizures.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- Interviews: Heidi Fisher
- Digital resources available via dropbox link: <u>http://bit.ly/2cwNiFS</u>