



THE CENTER FOR SPINE CARE CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH JASON WITTEN

Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten and his official charity, the SCORE Foundation, just completed a successful season with the Center for Spine Care, one of the nation's premier institutions for treating back and neck pain, to help fight domestic violence.

Witten's SCORE Foundation, which has become one of the leading advocates for the fight against domestic violence in the state of Texas, teamed with the Center for Spine Care to raise awareness and funding for the issue. Just prior to the start of the 2009 regular season, Center for Spine Care made a pledge to donate money for each reception Witten made during the year. The all-pro tight end finished the season with 94 receptions, and Center for Spine Care recently donated \$6,000 to the SCORE Foundation for its efforts against domestic violence.

The foundation, which operates the groundbreaking SCOREkeeper male mentoring program at six shelters across the state, is joining the Texas Council on Family Violence to start the brand new "Coaching Boys Into Men" domestic violence education program at high schools in Arlington this year. The program focuses on educating high school boys on appropriate behavior toward women.

The SCORE Foundation also works closely with The Family Place, the state's largest women's shelter, and will help keep vulnerable women and children from returning to violent homes where they are in grave danger. Violence has escalated with the suffering economy, resulting in more victims calling the agency's hotline in need of shelter. Through the donation from the Center for Spine Care, women and children who desperately need a safe bed can find one at The Family Place.

"We are very proud to partner with Jason and his foundation in the fight against domestic violence," said John Peloza, M.D., Medical Director of the CSC. "We take our work in the community very seriously, and Jason does as well. That's why it makes perfect sense for us to work together on this cause we both care so deeply about. We congratulate Jason and the Dallas Cowboys for a successful season."

Dr. Peloza and the Center for Spine Care attract patients from all over the country because of their expertise in Minimal Access Spinal Technology (MAST), which uses very small incisions and surgical instruments to get patients back on their feet and back to everyday life faster.



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