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The Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease
hosts sixth annual *I Hope You Dance* fundraising gala
Tickets still available

Reno, Nev. – The Whittemore Peterson Institute (WPI) will host its sixth annual *I Hope You Dance* fundraising gala on Friday, Sept. 10 at the Peppermill Resort Casino. The event will kick off at 5:30 p.m. with music by the Country Kickers, delicious food and western dancing. The celebration, organized by chairs Lief Reid, Dan and Megan Bowen, and Jennifer Bushman, will honor Supreme Court Chief Justice Ron D. and Leslie Parraguirre with the *Lifetime Achievement Award* for their commitment and continued support of the Whittemore Peterson Institute. Outstanding Patient Advocate, Heidi Bauer will also be honored at the event.

“We are so thankful for the encouragement we receive each day from the millions of patients, advocates and friends in the northern Nevada community and around the world,” said Annette Whittemore, founder, president and CEO of the WPI. “We are dedicated to expert research and treatment of neuro-immune diseases and continued funding is crucial to making that happen.”

Proceeds from the gala will go directly to support the comprehensive medical research program at the WPI which recently celebrated the opening of its new home adjacent to the research facilities of the Center for Molecular Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno.

“Our new facility includes space for basic research laboratories, a clinical lab and comprehensive medical services, as well as the continued synergy and collaboration with expert scientists at the University of Nevada School of Medicine,” said Whittemore.

“This opening represents the next chapter for the WPI where our research and growing understanding of neuro-immune diseases can be translated into medical treatments and answers for patients around the world,” said Dr. Judy Mikovits, research director of the WPI.

To purchase tickets or a table for *I Hope You Dance* or to learn more about the Whittemore Peterson Institute, please visit www.wpinstitute.org or call 775.321.5974.

About The Whittemore Peterson Institute

Located within the University of Nevada School of Medicine’s Center for Molecular Medicine, the Whittemore Peterson Institute is the nation’s first comprehensive translational research facility dedicated to the research and treatment of neuro-immune diseases.

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