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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS
GRANT AND URGES SUPPORT FOR INJURED
GEORGETOWN FOOTBALL PLAYER**

September 28, 2015 (Washington, DC) – Today, the **College Football Assistance Fund (CFAF)** announced that a grant of \$5,000 has been awarded to Georgetown Hoyas football player Tyrell Williams to help with non-medical costs after suffering a severe neck injury during a recent game.

On September 5, Williams shattered sections of his vertebrae while making a tackle during a game at St. Francis (PA). He was immediately transported to UPMC Altoona Hospital where he endured nine hours of surgery, receiving a spinal fusion, inserted rods and a prosthetic intervertebral disc.

Tyrell, a junior linebacker from Maryland, was transferred earlier this week to the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, one of the nation's top rehabilitation hospitals for spinal cord and brain injury. His parents & brother have been with him all along and staying in local hotels, first in Pennsylvania and now in Atlanta.

“After my son’s injury, our first priority was to be by his side every day through surgeries, rehabilitation and recovery,” said Ty’s mother, Melissa Rand. “Without the financial support of the College Football Assistance Fund and our entire community and football families, that wouldn’t be possible.”

“Georgetown University is very thankful and appreciative for the support provided to Ty and his family by the College Football Assistance Fund,” said Georgetown Senior Associate Athletics Director Dan Trump. “Their generous backing has been a tremendous benefit and will assist in helping the family during Ty’s rehabilitation time in Atlanta.”

Costs for the family, between travel, hotel stay and loss of income, will continue to rise for many months, meaning fundraising efforts must continue. Those able to assist the family can make donations at www.CFAFund.org, which will be put in a restricted fund for Ty.

ABOUT CFAF

The College Football Assistance Fund (CFAF) is a non-profit tax-exempt organization dedicated to the support of football players. Assistance is provided to ease the burden of medical costs associated with injuries such as joint replacement, spine treatment, neurological care and other related expenses.

The CFAF was established in 2010 by a group of collegiate coaches and athletic administrators concerned about the limited resources available to injured football players. Major donors include some of today's top college football coaches and Bowls.

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