

Former NFL Dallas Cowboy, Darryl Clack and Grammy® Nominated Songwriter/Singer Dayna Caddell Team Up To Raise Awareness

March is Autoimmune and Brain Injury Awareness Month 'PUSH For Awareness'

LOS ANGELES, CA, US, March 14, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Los Angeles, CA—March 15, 2017— Former NFL Dallas Cowboy and Arizona State University football star, <u>Darryl Clack</u> teams up with Grammy® and Dove award nominated songwriter and singer, <u>Dayna</u> <u>Caddell</u> to continue spreading awareness for autoimmune illness (AI) and brain injuries with the 'PUSH for Awareness' campaign during March, autoimmune and brain Injury awareness month.

Because the entertainment and sports industries rely heavily on performance, Caddell and Clack have teamed up to shed light on these rare illnesses to encourage entertainers as well as the general public, that there is life after diagnosis.

Autoimmune illnesses remain among the most poorly understood and poorly recognized of any category of illness where individual diseases range from benign to severe.



Former Dallas Cowboy, Darryl Clack

Brain injuries are unique. The brain can receive several different types of injuries depending on the type of force and amount of force that impacts the head.

In 2012, Caddell was diagnosed with an ambiguous autoimmune illness—her symptoms; fatigue,

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Clack decided to team up with Caddell to continue the push after he suffered a stroke in October 2016 brought on by Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP). TTP is a rare blood disorder, under the autoimmune umbrella, where blood clots form in small blood vessels throughout the body. The

clots can limit or block the flow of oxygen-rich blood to the body's organs, such as the brain, kidneys,

and heart. As a result, serious health problems can develop including memory loss, concentration, and fatigue.

In addition, in July 2016, Clack learned of his stage one dementia diagnose, due to several hits to the head from playing football—repeated head trauma causes cognitive deficits, caused by both illnesses.

Caddell and Clack are also working on separate projects to further rare disease awareness. Caddell is working on a lifestyle blog, and Clack is writing a book.

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