

Jim and Jill Kelly To Speak At FCA Banquet

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The annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes "Road to Victory" Banquet will be held Tues. March 1 at 7 p.m. at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

Legendary Buffalo Bills' quarterback Jim Kelly and his wife Jill will be the featured speakers. This event will also serve as a celebration for the FCA's 50 years of ministry in the Greater Chattanooga Area.

"We are thrilled to have Jim and Jill Kelly coming to Chattanooga to speak on behalf of FCA," stated FCA Director Jay Fowler.

"The Kelly's have an amazing testimony of how God used their son Hunter's tragic struggle with Krabbe's disease to change their marriage, their life's purpose, and their eternal destiny. You will not want to miss this special evening."



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A standout quarterback at East Brady High in Western Pennsylvania, Jim Kelly chose to play in college at the University of Miami because his beloved Penn State Nitney Lions wanted to convert him to linebacker. His tremendous career at Miami helped catapult the Hurricanes into one of the nation's top football programs. He was the 14th overall pick in the 1983 NFL draft and was the third quarterback chosen in the class that included John Elway and Dan Marino. Kelly chose to play his first two professional seasons for the USFL's Houston Gamblers. It wasn't until 1986 when the USFL folded that Kelly joined the Bills, who had

retained his NFL rights.

In Buffalo, Kelly helped lead the Bills to a record 4 consecutive Super Bowls and 5 divisional championships from 1989 - 1995. He was perhaps best known for running the Bills' "K-Gun" no-huddle offense and setting records with his favorite wide receiver Andre Reed. He finished his 11 NFL seasons with over 35,000 yards passing and 237 touchdowns. In 2002 he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Jill Kelly is an author of three books including her most recent release, *Without a Word*, which has drawn rave reviews from a variety of audiences. Jill is also a gifted speaker, wife to Jim and mother of their two daughters. Much of *Without a Word* focuses on the amazing story of the battle that the Kelly's son Hunter, born with Krabbe's disease, fought during his eight plus years of life. Jim and Jill established a non-profit organization called Hunter's Hope in 1997 to increase awareness of the disease.

The Greater Chattanooga FCA was founded locally in 1961 by Marion Gaston and several other local Christian business leaders. Built upon the solid foundation of God's Word and the leadership of men led by the Holy Spirit, the FCA has had a significant impact for Christ on athletes and coaches for fifty years locally and will celebrate its rich heritage in a variety of ways at the banquet. Road to Victory is the primary annual fund-raiser for the Greater Chattanooga FCA in its ministry to athletes and coaches on more than 75 high school, middle school, and college campuses in southeast Tennessee.

For additional information about Road to Victory please contact Jay Fowler at (423) 877-3561 or (423) 309-4255 or check out chattanoogaofca.org.