

A bittersweet milestone

Starting in mid-December 2008, we offered on the KU Endowment website to match the 5,000th gift received online. It arrived Jan. 16, a \$250 donation to the Jay Turnbull Fellowship at the Beach Center on Disability. It came jointly from Eva Horn, professor of special education, and her husband, Steve Warren, vice provost for research and graduate studies.

H.R. “Rud” and Ann Turnbull are co-directors of the Beach Center, and each holds a Marianna and Ross Beach Distinguished Professorship in the School of Education. They established the fellowship last year to honor their son, who was challenged by intellectual disabilities and autism. He nonetheless achieved considerable autonomy, living independently with family support from age 22, and he worked at KU for 20 years, most recently as an office assistant at the Beach Center.

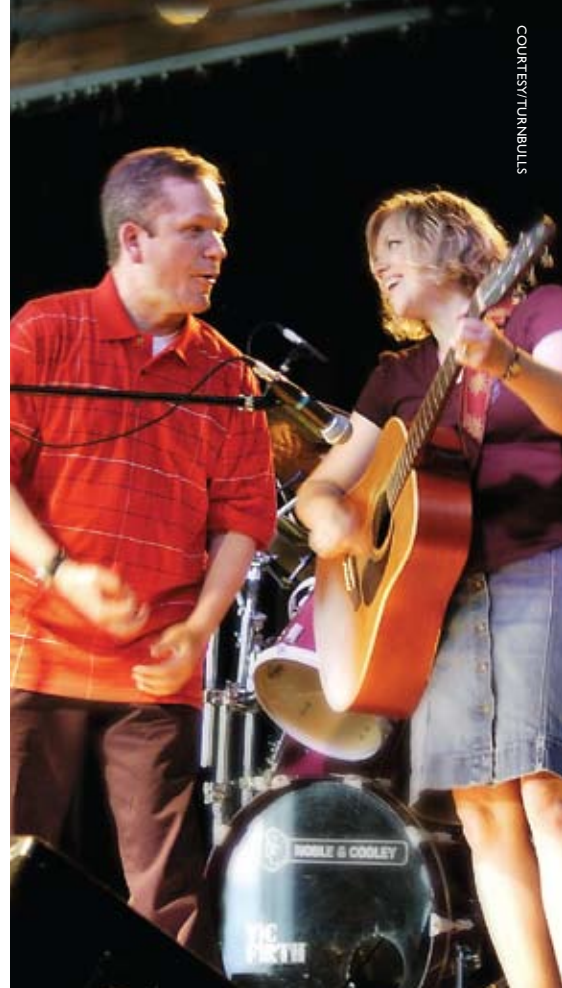
Jay Turnbull died unexpectedly of natural causes on Jan. 7. He was 41. We offer condolences to his family and all who knew him.

Warren formerly directed the Life Span Institute, where the Beach Center is located. He knew Jay Turnbull for many years. He said Jay was a pioneer who symbolized what was possible for people with severe cognitive disabilities and inspired people around the world.

“Perhaps most important, if you knew him, you quickly found out he was a ‘real’ person just like the rest of us, with a mix of strengths, weaknesses, possibilities and contradictions,” he said. “We will miss that person, that Jay, more than anything else.”

The first online gift to KU, made in January 2001, was \$50 for the School of Law. In the 2008 fiscal year, online donors sent more than \$400,000 to KU.

— Charles Higginson



Jay Turnbull sang with music therapy student Sarah Niileksela at his 40th birthday party at Abe & Jake's Landing in Lawrence.

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For 2008, 16 donors took advantage of this special tax benefit, created through a new Kansas law passed in 2007. These donors have given more than \$70,000 toward new air handling systems and other projects that improve KU's learning environment. To find out more, visit kuendowment.org/maintain/, or contact Kevin Kelly, 785-832-7408 or kkelly@kuendowment.org.

— Kirsten Bosnak



Alumni David and Carol Kyner, Lawrence, made a gift for deferred maintenance and got the tax credit.

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- More than **6,500** students will have received an estimated **\$29.6 million** in student aid, a **\$1.9 million** increase over last year.
- Recipients come from **103** of the **105** Kansas counties, **45** other states and Puerto Rico, and **45** other countries.
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— Lisa Scheller