Trent left legacy at the Center for Cancer Research

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Trent gave a heart to Purdue's Cancer Research Center, a gift one person at the center regards as his legacy.

"He wanted to be a voice for the story of his life," said Cheryl Pierce, the director of development at the CCR. "He lived it, he suffered through it, even though he had suffered a bit of a quirk that he wouldn't let other people know about." Pierce said Trent's foundation was the primary reason for the CCR's recent success.

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Trent met fellow advisory board member Anahid Karcher, who also works as the publisher and executive editor of "Gold and Black," a media company which provides sports coverage of Purdue Athletics. The first met Trent at a "Hammer Down Cancer" lunch in 2015, and the two later worked together as Trent wrote special columns for Gold and Black's website, during which they held a "deadlock on 2017 after being men

"It was fun, it was a little bit awkward because I think that was the first time that we'd actually interact as a person, yeah... But my motto was, his hair was shorter than it was when he first got to my house, so I counted it as a success, a successful hair cut.

Martin interacted with Trent most-ly onsite of PUDM. They grew close over social media and as study partners. "He was a fighter and someone who doesn't go unnoticed by Martin, however, and she recognizes the long-lasting impact Trent will have on campus for years to come.

"I think this is just a great example of a fighter and someone who doesn't give up," said Martin. "He really inspired me. If you want something, go for it — nothing's impossible — and just do it. Do it for the things for others and to help others.

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