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## Wilson's donate \$1M to thank UB doctors

### Credit doctors with helping injured player

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (WIVB) - For helping in the recovery of one of their top linemen, Ralph Wilson and his wife made a generous donation to the University at Buffalo.

Buffalo Bills left tackle Demetrius Bell will never forget the game in 2009 when he suffered a devastating knee injury.

Bell said, "I'm so glad and blessed to back on the field. I can't put it into words how happy I am."

Bell was out for a year and may have been out for good had it not been for the team's doctors. To honor them for their hard work with Bell and all the players, team owners' Ralph and Mary Wilson are giving a \$1 million gift to the to the UB Department of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, where some of them they teach and train.

Mrs. Wilson said, "I asked Ralph what message did you want delivered today. He said, "Tell them you're the most important player on our team. You guys, the doctors.""

Mr. Wilson wasn't there because he's still recovering from a broken hip. It also kept him from missing his first home opener in 51 years.

"He'll be here hopefully next week when we play New England, but what an amazing game it was last week, and so to answer your question he's doing great and he's a winner," said Mrs. Wilson.

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The Wilson's gift can be seen in action. Among other things it's being used for is a virtual reality arthroscopic knee simulator - only one of 14 that exists.

Bills team doctor and UB associate professor Dr. John Marzo said, "I think it's a great thing for everybody, for the Buffalo Bills. The Wilsons are loyal owners to this community, and now with the relationship that's going to begin with our department and our university it should really be a win-win for everybody."

UB is planning to move its entire medical school to the downtown medical corridor. And thanks to that \$1 million gift the expanded UB Sports Medicine Department is expected to be downtown by 2016.

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