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EDITORS: Coach Kalich and David Krempels, founder of The Krempels Brain Injury Foundation, will be available for comment after the game.

DURHAM, N.H. — When the University of New Hampshire Wildcats take on the UMBC Retrievers tonight at 7 p.m. in Lundholm Gymnasium in the final home game of the regular season, the women's basketball team will have a special group of fans in its cheering section.

Members of SteppingStones, a community-based post-rehabilitative program that provides opportunities for social interaction, life skill training, recreation, and support for brain injury survivors who live in the Granite State, have reserved seats for tonight's game. SteppingStones is part of The Krempels Brain Injury Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by brain injury.

Assistant Coach Mary Kalich spearheaded the connection between the two groups, which started last fall with several visits to the Community Campus in Portsmouth — home to SteppingStones — by a group of the players. After the team sponsored a basketball clinic for the members in January, many of the SteppingStones members traveled to UNH and cheered the team to victory for its first round game against Stony Brook Jan. 8.