



## Your Time Away + myTime upgrades

We're just two weeks away from the Sept. 1 launch of Your Time Away, our new comprehensive leave program that we've been sharing details on all summer. Our Human Resources (HR) team has also made improvements to both the myTime system and our processes. Whether you're an employee, manager, or timekeeper, these improvements are designed to enhance your experience and help you save time.

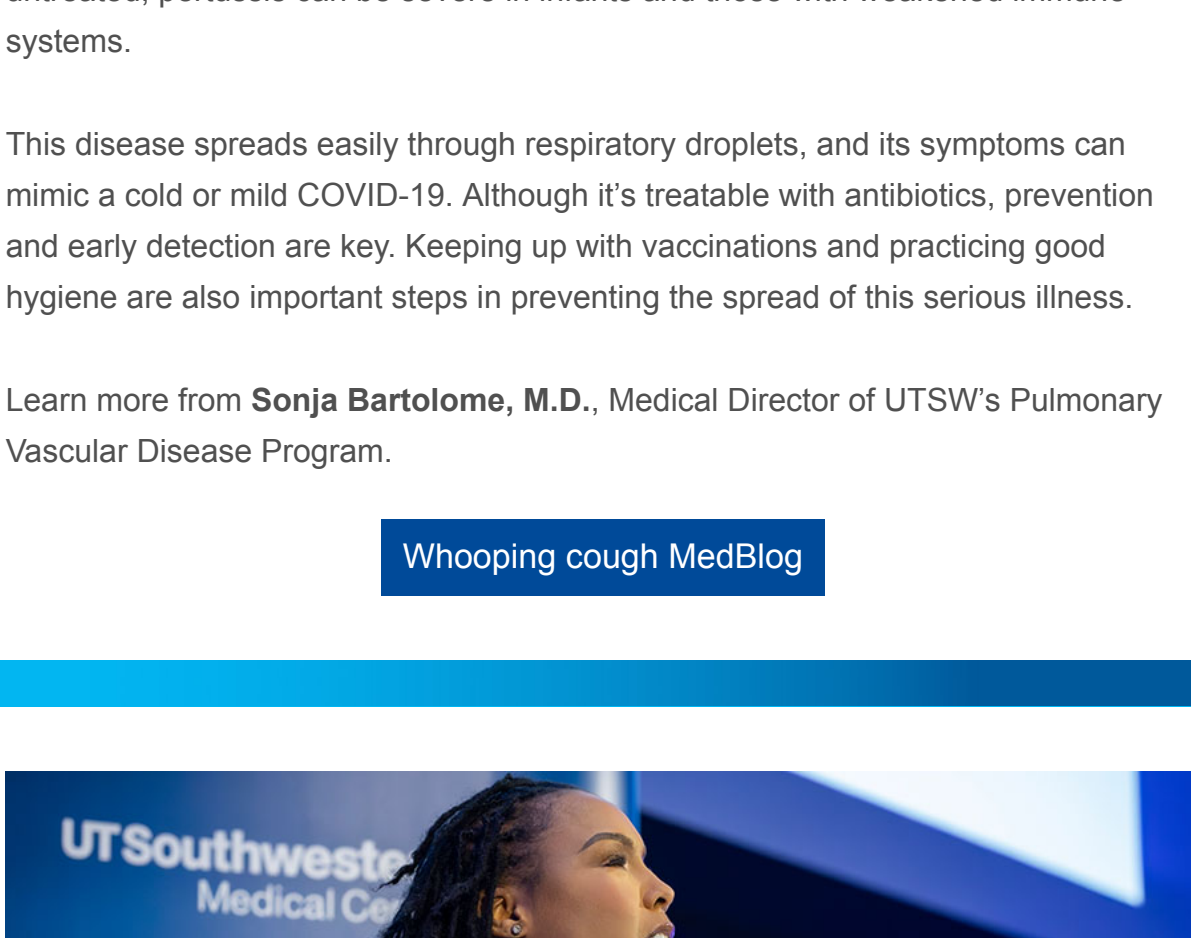
Visit our [myTime Intranet](#) page (on-campus network or VPN connection required) for more information. You're also invited to join HR leadership for new virtual information sessions that will cover the latest updates.

### Information sessions for Your Time Away + myTime upgrades

- [Aug. 19, 12-1 p.m.](#)
- [Aug. 21, 12-1 p.m.](#)
- [Aug. 26, 12-1 p.m.](#)
- [Aug. 28, 12-1 p.m.](#)

Find additional sessions on the Your Time Away [events page](#).

If you have any questions or run into any technical challenges with myTime, please reach out to the HR Services Center at [HR@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:HR@utsouthwestern.edu) or via phone at 214-648-9810.



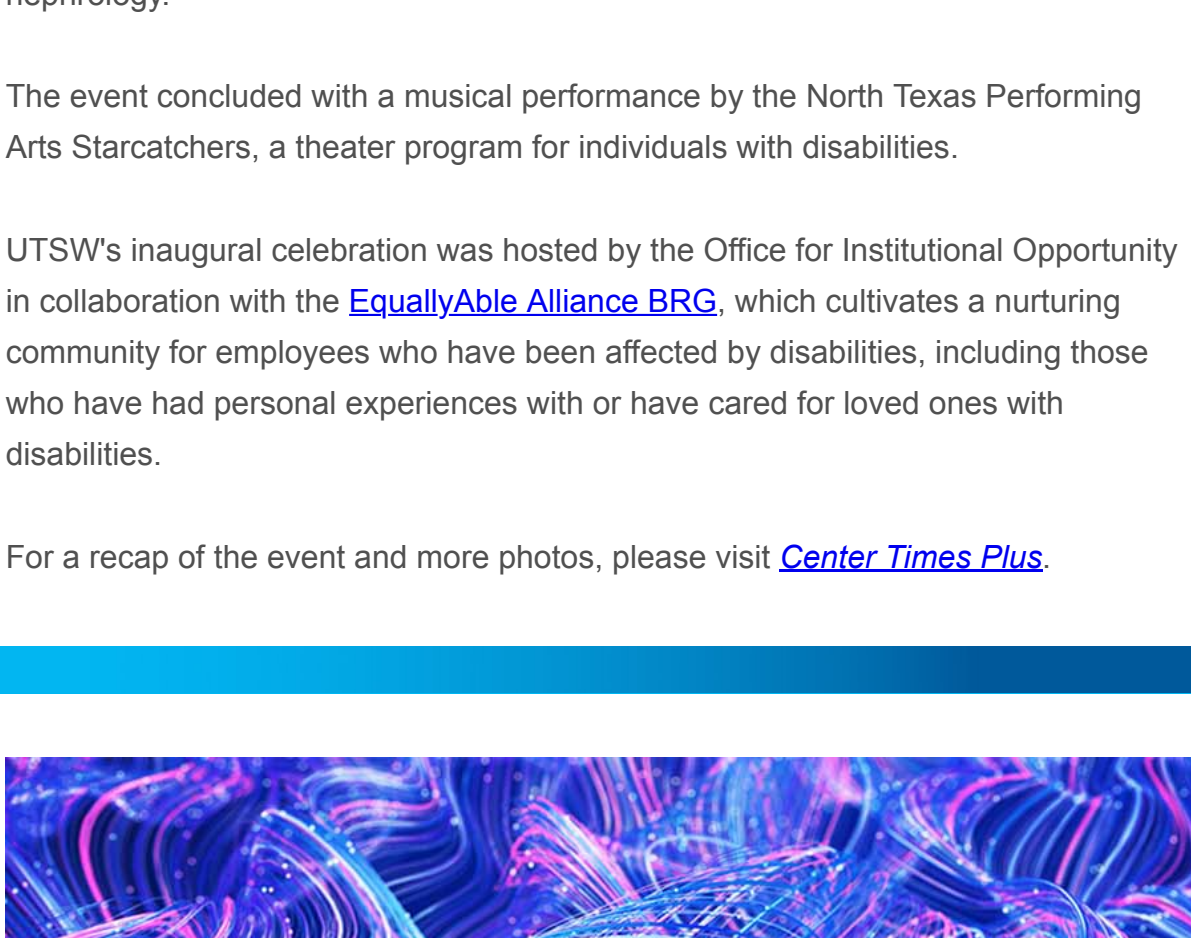
## What you need to know about whooping cough

Whooping cough is making a comeback, with cases across the U.S. tripling compared with this time last year. The bacterial infection, also known as pertussis, is named after the characteristic "whoop" sound it causes during coughing fits. If left untreated, pertussis can be severe in infants and those with weakened immune systems.

This disease spreads easily through respiratory droplets, and its symptoms can mimic a cold or mild COVID-19. Although it's treatable with antibiotics, prevention and early detection are key. Keeping up with vaccinations and practicing good hygiene are also important steps in preventing the spread of this serious illness.

Learn more from [Sonja Bartolome, M.D.](#), Medical Director of UTSW's Pulmonary Vascular Disease Program.

[Whooping cough MedBlog](#)



## Recap: UTSW celebrates the Americans with Disabilities Act

"You may have lost your sight, but you did not lose your vision."

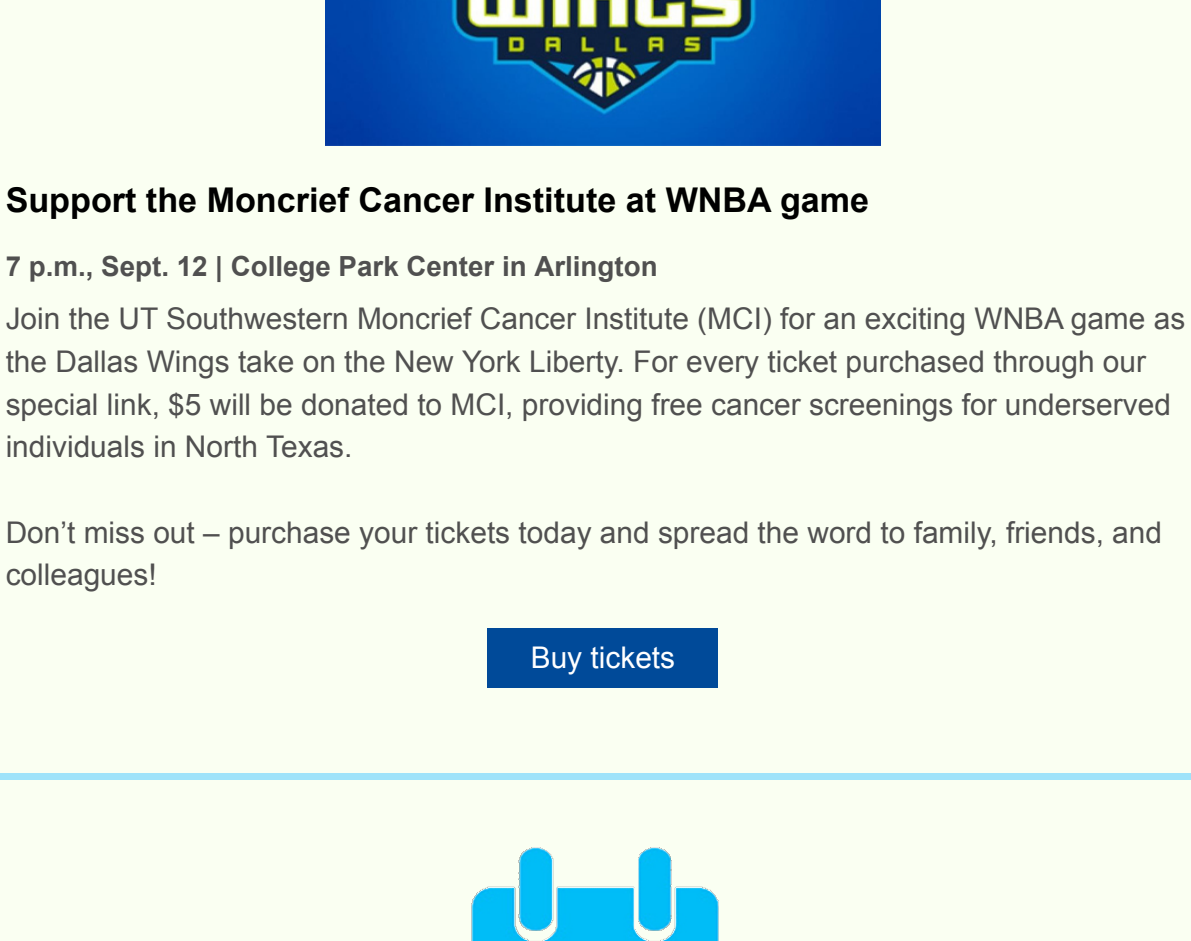
**Tiffani Martin, CSM, CPOPM**, shared these inspirational words from her father, encouraging a UT Southwestern audience to persevere in the face of adversity.

Ms. Martin, who was 28 when she lost her sight due to diabetic retinopathy, was the keynote speaker at UTSW's recent celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In a powerful address, she shared her personal journey of strength, determination, and triumph. She also expressed her deep affinity for UT Southwestern, where she was treated by specialists in endocrinology and nephrology.

The event concluded with a musical performance by the North Texas Performing Arts Starcatchers, a theater program for individuals with disabilities.

UTSW's inaugural celebration was hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity in collaboration with the [EquallyAble Alliance BRG](#), which cultivates a nurturing community for employees who have been affected by disabilities, including those who have had personal experiences with or have cared for loved ones with disabilities.

For a recap of the event and more photos, please visit [Center Times Plus](#).



## Mapping the neural networks behind memory

Take a deep dive into leading-edge memory science with neurosurgeon **Bradley Lega, M.D.**, a member of the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute, whose work is transcending the boundaries of the laboratory.

In a recent study published in *NeuroImage*, Dr. Lega and his team identified groups of memory-sensitive neurons linked to how the human brain understands time, pinpointing when a memory is first formed compared with when it is being retrieved. This slight difference in timing has not been reported in humans before and could be relevant to other brain diseases, such as schizophrenia.

Ultimately, Dr. Lega, who also serves as the surgical leader of UTSW's Epilepsy Program, and his colleagues hope to one day be able to restore memory function to patients whose brains have been affected by tumors or epilepsy. Learn more about the team's work in the inaugural *Field Reports from the O'Donnell Brain Institute*.

[Read the full story](#)

## Insider Guide



### Support the Moncrief Cancer Institute at WNBA game

7 p.m., Sept. 12 | College Park Center in Arlington

Join the UT Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Institute (MCI) for an exciting WNBA game as the Dallas Wings take on the New York Liberty. For every ticket purchased through our special link, \$5 will be donated to MCI, providing free cancer screenings for underserved individuals in North Texas.

Don't miss out – purchase your tickets today and spread the word to family, friends, and colleagues!

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