



The University of Maryland Brain and Tissue Bank dedicated their two new freezers on Jon's 46<sup>th</sup> birthday, August 30, 2017.

Attending the dedication for the Blazeman Foundation was Blazeman Warrior, Debra Saltz and her supporter, Nancy Forster. Also attending was Robert Vigorito, who procured Jon's ALS tissue back in May, 2007.

Nancy Forster's reflections on the dedication... "For my friends seeing these pictures, please let me say how extremely humbled I was to even be invited to this dedication. The beautiful woman (inside and out) who invited me, Debra Saltz, has been so dedicated to the Blazeman Foundation and its fight to cure ALS, that it was contagious. Although I am new to supporting the foundation, it was all because of Debra. I encourage all of my friends and colleagues to join me in contributing to this extraordinary foundation. It is not often that one can see where her donations go; but, today, I did. And it is so gratifying. Thank you so much Debra."

Also in attendance was Dr. Ron Zielke and Dr Tom Blanchard. Ron has retired as Director and we look forward to continuing our support under Tom's leadership. We will be supporting this much needed lab for many years to come, one of the few tissue labs in the US that makes tissue available to all researchers working on ALS. We wish Ron a great retirement!



**Pictured Above: Ron Zielke (Former Director), Debra Saltz, Nancy Forster, and Tom Blanchard (Director).**



**Pictured Above: Rob Vigorito, Nancy Forster, Debra Saltz, and Ron Zielke**