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JOHN PATRICK FLANAGAN FOUNDATION MARKS 10 YEARS OF SUPPORT TO LOCAL CHARITIES BY GIVING \$44,000 IN 2018 TO AREA PROGRAMS THAT HELP DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Fairfield, CT, December 21, 2018 – The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation ([JPFF](#)), a charitable foundation established to help vulnerable children and families of Connecticut, today announced that it has awarded \$44,000 in grants for 2018 to local organizations. The grants were awarded to eight Fairfield or Bridgeport-based charities including the Connecticut Audubon Society, Wakeman Boys & Girls Club’s Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse, Circle of Care, Hall Neighborhood House, Lawyers for Children America, Bridgeport Hospital Foundation and the High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield, among others.

“I can’t believe this is the tenth year we’ve been able to support the wonderful organizations that are helping so many children in need in our community,” commented Amanda Flanagan, Chairperson of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation. “We’ve given out more than a quarter million dollars in grants since our inception in 2008, helping to establish new programs and working with existing, successful organizations. We feel so grateful that we have the means for this wonderful, important, and special work to continue for years to come.”

The organization’s grant allocations are as follows:

- **Bridgeport Hospital Foundation** (\$1,000) – to purchase toys and books for the John Flanagan Memorial Children’s Lounge on the 7th floor at Bridgeport Hospital.
- **Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Fairfield** (\$11,684) – to fund the cost for the “JPFF Trailblazers Program,” which enters its ninth year of existence, providing Bridgeport public school students with transportation to the Nature Center for earth science field trips. Since its inception nearly 5,000 students have participated in the Trailblazers program.
- **Circle of Care** (\$8,000) – to support their Lifeline Emergency Fund, a financial assistance program aimed at alleviating some of the financial difficulties many families experience when their children are undergoing treatment for cancer, enabling them to have continued access to high quality care, while relieving the devastating financial impact of treatment.
- **Hall Neighborhood House** (\$7,500) – to support their after school program for children on the East Side of Bridgeport which emphasizes positive character development through social and emotional learning.
- **Lawyers for Children America** (\$5,000) – to help provide aid to abused and neglected children in the CT legal system. This grant helps to increase their pro-bono coverage for

18 year old kids who are aging out of DCF system. This demographic loses services, but still not mature enough to successfully navigate on their own.

- **United in Hope Scholarship Fund** (\$5,000) – to provide college tuition assistance to high school graduates who have lost a parent to cancer. This grant is jointly supported by the [Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation](#).
- **Wakeman Boys & Girls Club’s Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse in Bridgeport** (\$5,000) – to support a fitness and nutrition program, FitFutures, an after-school program that serves 300 members annually to educate them on healthy eating habits, improved physical activity and the positive effects healthy eating and exercise have on their well-being.
- **High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield** (\$1,000) – to fund the John Flanagan Memorial annual scholarship awarded to a college-bound, high-achieving student with an economic need at Fairfield Warde High School.

Since 2008, the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation has raised more than \$600,000 and granted out more than \$280,000 to programs that provide resources and opportunities to disadvantaged children and families. It has made nature science field trips possible for nearly 5,000 Bridgeport public school students to date, funded teen programming and college preparation resources for inner-city teens, helped economically-disadvantaged immigrant women and children learn English and life skills, supported children affected by HIV/AIDS, sponsored volunteer attorneys who work to place children in safe permanent homes and secure for them appropriate mental health and education services, provided scholarships for children in the community who have a financial need and children who have lost a parent to cancer, and many other important causes.

To learn more about the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation or to make a donation, please visit www.jpff.org or click [the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation](#). We also encourage fans to follow us on [Facebook](#).

About John Patrick Flanagan Foundation

The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation was established in loving memory of John Patrick Flanagan who passed away from a rare and aggressive neuroendocrine cancer on December 24, 2008 at the age of 44. John's family, friends and colleagues have established the Foundation to serve as a charitable legacy to support what he cherished above all else: children and family. The Mission of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation is to help vulnerable children and families by supporting charities that provide the direction, education and healthy environment that vulnerable children and families need to have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

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