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The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation Awards \$15,300 in Grants to Local Charities for 2011

Audubon Partnership Begins Third Year; Families Battling Cancer, Wakeman Boys and Girls Club in Bridgeport, Lawyers for Children, and Fairfield High School Scholarship Also Receive Support

Dec. 16, 2011 – Fairfield, CT – The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation, a charitable foundation that helps vulnerable children and families of Connecticut, today announced \$15,300 in grants for 2011 to local organizations, including a continued partnership with the Connecticut Audubon Society.

“We are incredibly thankful to everyone who has so generously donated to the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation over the past year and we are very pleased to be able to make these contributions to these deserving organizations that are helping our community in so many meaningful ways,” commented Amanda Flanagan, Chairperson of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation. “As we head into our third year, it is incredibly humbling to look back at the progress we have made since our inception. We are eager to continue our work and also find new opportunities to support the community.”

We are pleased to make grants to the following Connecticut-based charities this year:

- **CT Audubon Society:** Our JPFF Trailblazers program rolls into its third year; having made field trips possible for more than 1,000 Bridgeport public school children thus far. The JPFF Trailblazers program was developed for students in grades two through six to have an opportunity to explore native Connecticut habitats and see live animals which complements their existing science curriculum. “It is so important to encourage children to explore outside, learn about nature, science and have fun along the way. Connecticut Audubon Society takes seriously our role in teaching the next generation of conservationists and we thank the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation for making this possible for so many children.” Ann O’Leary, State Director of Development.
- **Wakeman Boys and Girls Club, Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse:** Our grant sponsors two full-time staff member volunteers for the 2011-2012 school year who provide afterschool homework assistance, mentoring and other support to children in neighborhood.
- **Lawyers for Children America:** for the training of new attorneys in Fairfield County who volunteer to represent abused and neglected children in the CT legal system.
- **High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield:** scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded through the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation Memorial at Fairfield High School to assist a boy or girl with economic need graduating from Fairfield Warde High School.
- **Bridgeport Hospital Foundation:** our grant will be used to purchase toys for the John Flanagan Memorial Children’s Corner at the Norma Pfriem Cancer Center at Bridgeport Hospital.

About The 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 form of 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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