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LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

April 4, 2017

Dear Friends:

As the spring approaches and we reach the eighth anniversary of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation (JPFF), let's take a moment to recognize and celebrate the wonderful work that has been done by our organization.

If I had to sum up my experience with JPFF in a single word, I would choose **gratitude**. Over the past eight years, I have repeatedly been filled with gratitude for the time, generosity, compassion, commitment and friendship that has been extended to JPFF by our supporters.

In just eight years we have exceeded our very ambitious goal of raising \$500,000 to support organizations and causes that were important to John. The funds we have raised have helped establish new programs and have helped existing, successful organizations. And best of all, because of your continued generosity, we have the means for this wonderful, important and special work to continue for years to come.

With every dollar contributed, every mile run, every in-kind donation or hour volunteered, each individual and family that has been a part of this incredible experience is helping to keep the memory of John Flanagan alive for all of us who loved him so much.

And for that, I will be eternally grateful.

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On behalf of the JPF board and the Flanagan family, thank you for supporting JPF. I wish all of you and your families health and happiness in the days ahead.

With gratitude,

Amanda Flanagan
Chairperson

2016 GRANTS RECAPPED

In 2016, JPF awarded \$37,950 in grants to nine Connecticut-based charities including Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County, Connecticut Audubon Society, High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield, Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, United in Hope Joint scholarship with Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation, Bridgeport Hospital's Park Avenue Medical Center, Lawyers for Children America, New Beginnings Family Academy, and Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse.

We are very grateful to these wonderful local organizations that are working so hard to improve the lives of disadvantaged children in our area, and are humbled to be able to contribute to their work in a small way. We believe each of these organizations reflect the values of our Foundation and allow us to celebrate John Flanagan's memory by focusing on what mattered most to him: children and family.

The 2016 grant allocations are as follows:

- **CT Audubon Society Trailblazers program (\$11,450)** - To fund the cost for the "JPF Trailblazers Program," which enters its eighth year of existence, providing Bridgeport public school students with transportation to the Nature Center for field trips. Since its inception, more than 3,000 students have participated in the Trailblazers program.
- **Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County (\$2,500)** - Offering music, arts and dance programming to underserved youth from Bridgeport who might otherwise have little or no exposure to the arts.
- **High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield (John Patrick Flanagan Memorial Scholarship) (\$1,000)** - To help fund an annual scholarship to a college-bound, high-achieving student with an economic need at Fairfield Warde High School.
- **Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport (\$6,000)** - To fund a six-week STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) summer camp at P.T. Barnum housing development in Bridgeport.
- **United in Hope Scholarship (\$5,000)** - Provided college tuition assistance to two recent high school graduates who lost a parent to cancer. This grant is jointly supported by the Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation, which granted an equal amount.

- **Bridgeport Hospital, Park Ave. Campus Children's Corner (\$4,000)** - Provided to build a children's lounge at the outpatient surgery center at the new Park Ave. campus.
- **Lawyers for Children America (\$3,000)** -To help ensure that foster children aging out of the system continue to receive necessary legal services.
- **New Beginnings Family Academy (\$2,500)** - To fund a new teaching initiative that addresses the needs of kids who come to school bearing increased life stressors.
- **Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse (\$5,000)** - To support after school programming at the Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse in Bridgeport.



New Beginnings Family Academy Class of 2016

INAUGURAL SHAMROCK SPRINT 5K WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! Just ask our female winner Christine Vincent...

Save the Date for our 2nd ANNUAL SHAMROCK SPRINT this summer, Saturday, August 12, 2017!

We appreciated receiving these glowing accolades from veteran runner Christine Vincent, female overall winner of the 2016 Shamrock Sprint:

Sept. 16, 2016

Amanda,

Over the past 6 years I've run over 50 road races, from big to small.

I was struck by how well run (no pun intended) the inaugural Shamrock Sprint was. From my bib pick up to the post run festivities, the event was top notch. The volunteers were very happy to help, the runners enthusiastic to run. The venue and course was beautiful, personal, and on roads without much traffic. The post race festivities were great, with events to keep the younger participants happy while the adults socialized with new and old friends. I've never seen such an impressive array of top notch post run food and beverages. The people who volunteered their time and efforts supplying the refreshments were so pleasant, there was no mistake each volunteer was just so happy to support JPFF.

The best part of the race was the incredible sense of community and support for the JPFF. You could sense the love and pride that was behind the event. I was happy to be a participant of an event where unspeakable family tragedy has been turned into an incredibly positive giving back to the community.

Best,
Christine Vincent



Christine Vincent 2016 Shamrock Sprint Winner



FAIRFIELD WARDE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 2016

Congratulations to, our June 2016 John Flanagan Memorial Scholarship recipient **Noah Kennedy**.

Noah is currently a freshman studying Engineering at Northeastern University. During his career at Warde, Noah earned a GPA of 4.11 and took many AP math and science classes. He was a team leader for the GE Computer Science Competition where the team took 2nd place.

Noah describes himself as having a passion for computers. In his essay, he says, "In computers and programming I get to come up with creative, useful solutions to problems. Every programmer knows the strong satisfaction of a program compelling and running smoothly after a lot of trial and error. I can see the fruits of my labor come to life right in front of me, and I still get a thrill every single time.... I want to keep up with the most recent updates in the world of technology, learn new techniques, theories and skills, and be able to apply my knowledge in a practical and meaningful way."

We wish Noah the best as he continues in college and beyond.
Congratulations Noah!



UNITED IN HOPE SCHOLARSHIP 2016

The [Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation](#) and the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation have jointly founded the United in Hope Scholarship for students who have lost a parent to cancer. Graduating high school seniors who attend school in Fairfield or Westport, or are residents of these towns, are eligible to apply. Criteria for the scholarship include:

- * Loss of Parent to Cancer
- * Financial Need
- * Resides or Attends High School in Fairfield or Westport, Connecticut
- * Character of Applicant
- * Academic Goals and Performance

Losing a parent to cancer is devastating enough, but adding the financial burden often incurred by this disease and the death of a parent can be debilitating to a family. Our goal in creating the United in Hope Scholarship is to provide financial support for students heading to college to help them be all they can be.

Our 2016 Recipients

In 2016, United in Hope Scholarships were presented to:

Aidan Coyle is a graduate of Fairfield Prep High School and is a freshman at Boston College.

Benjamin Foster is a graduate of Staples High School and is a freshman at Denison University.

Both of these young men demonstrated great courage and determination as they excelled during their high school years despite having to cope with their fathers' illnesses and eventually both losing their fathers to cancer. We are so impressed by both of these young men.

We wish both Aidan and Benjamin the best and we look forward to hearing updates as they progress through college and beyond.



2016 Scholarship Recipients with Flanagan and Jacobs Families

For more information about the United in Hope scholarship, please visit <http://www.jpff.org/scholarship.html>.

CT Audubon Trails Enjoyed by Fieldtrippers and Families

The JPFF-sponsored Trailblazers program, now in its eighth year of existence, has provided more than 3,000 students with nature science field trips. Field trips are lead by a teacher-naturalist and includes a guided tour of the sanctuary with activities that educate students.

John loved to explore the Burr Street Nature Center in Fairfield. We are so happy for JPFF to give that same opportunity to inner-city children in John's name.



JPPF Trailblazers Field Trips_ Fall 2016

In 2015, the CT Audubon dedicated the Deer Meadow Trail to John Flanagan. It is a great place to take a nice hike with your family. The trail is located at the Audubon's Burr Street Nature Center, 2325 Burr Street, Fairfield, CT.



The DiTrapano boys on a family hike at the Burr Street Sanctuary

JPFF FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Total amount granted out by JPFF to-date since inception = \$195,329

Current JPFF Endowment (March 2016) = \$ 567,730

2016 Fundraising Income = \$46,348

2016 interest, dividend and capital gain income = \$ 11,996
(All 2016 operating costs were covered by our investment income.)

2016 Operating Costs = \$ 10,311

Our operating costs included web site hosting fees, credit card processing fees, P.O. box fee, accounting and bookkeeping fees, race planning and fundraising costs, printing, postage and other minor costs. All other operating costs, including legal work, graphic design, website design, and all managerial and administrative costs are donated.

JFFF is an all-volunteer organization. A special thank you to:

- ICR, LLC for donating the infrastructure, management and administrative services to enable JFFF to keep our operating costs so low.
- Tim Bishop, Esq. for his pro-bono legal advisement.
- Dif McGeough for donating her website development services. <http://www.vdesignct.com>
- Priscilla Igram of [The Studio](#) for donating her graphic design services.

THOUGHTS OF JOHN

by Tony Jannotta

I was in my second year of law school in 1994, working at what I had hoped would be a dynamic summer internship at the CT Attorney General's office. Attorney General Dick Blumenthal was the star of the Democratic Party and a run for Governor was imminent. Reality quickly set in though as I spent my days researching Indian land claims in the Yale Mudd library.

While taking a break between evening classes to lighten my class load for my third year, I unexpectedly encountered HT Owens. H had just enrolled as a law student at Quinnipiac law school and we knew each other from our days at Fairfield Prep with H being two years my senior. After learning of my "exciting" internship at the AG's office, H exuberantly said, "Have you met Flans? John Flanagan? You gotta meet him because he is Blumenthal's right-hand man and you two need to connect."

H helped arrange a meeting at John's office in Hartford at the AG executive offices and when I met John, we immediately hit it off.

John quickly informed me that the AG had just announced his intent to run for a second term for Attorney General and John needed help running the campaign. Knowing the AG would need a constant companion to travel with him across the state (and that John had done more than his fair share of work in this capacity), John immediately welcomed me aboard. Little did I know that the only qualities John was looking for in a campaign staffer was a live body with a driver's license who lived in Fairfield County close to where

the AG lived in Stamford. Having easily met the criteria for employment, we settled on a volunteer salary wage and forged a fast friendship.

I quickly learned that being friends with John meant getting to know a sprawling network of his friends and family. I was immediately introduced to the Flanagan family as well as a vast array of politicians, judges and of course a wide-ranging group of colorful Prep alumni. I fondly recall barbecues at the Flanagan family residence and countless visits to the Shoe and Duck, as well as parties at John's law school house in Hartford. I might also add this was the same period of time when John met Amanda. As our friendship grew, I can proudly say I had a front row seat while John got married, passed the bar and practiced privately while making the dream of what is now ICR become a reality.

At that time I didn't realize it, but the opportunity John offered was the door that opened my personal and professional career to the world of politics and law. I would go on to become an Assistant Attorney General and Special Counsel to the AG and serve for over 17 years in public service, including 15 years with former AG and now US Senator Blumenthal as well as several years with current Governor Malloy and AG Jepsen -- both of whom I was first introduced to by John. I'll never forget John telling me I had to go drive people to the polls in Stamford in support of the Mayoral candidate who went on to become our Governor. Having now practiced for over 22 years and working as a partner in the largest law firm in the world in the Firm's State Attorney General practice, I still credit John for giving me the break I needed and more importantly friendship and advice that would last a lifetime.

I'm also still proud to maintain many close personal relationships with the great network of friends and colleagues that came out of my friendship with John. I often think that John's spirit and character lives on through the relationships I maintain with so many from the Fairfield Prep and Hartford political circles.

I always had the greatest respect for John and he wasn't just a friend, but also a mentor and older brother in life and politics. He was often quiet and thoughtful, but always ten steps ahead. Smart and personable with his dry, clever wit. Quick to do a favor knowing it would come around when he needed one as well. And always a cool and calm character who inspired trust and loyalty among his peers and friends.

John had a tremendous impact on me both professionally and personally, but then again he did on everybody who was lucky enough to be his friend. I'll always be grateful that I was one of them.

THANK YOU 2016 DONORS

The JPFF board members and the Flanagan family would like express a most sincere thank you for your continued support of our mission. It is your support that makes JPFF possible.

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Also, thank you to these generous businesses who sponsored our 2016 Shamrock Sprint event.

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Two Dates to Save!!
1. Shamrock Sprint 5K, Sat. August 12, 2017
&
2. Save the date for a Heartfelt JPFF Event

JPFF 10-Year Anniversary St. Patrick's Day Celebration St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2018

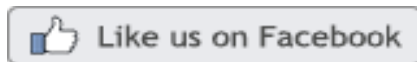
As most of you know, we chose the shamrock as the symbol for JPFF because of John how loved to celebrate his Irish heritage. It is hard to believe that it will be 10 years since we lost John and started JPFF. Please join us for a special party to remember John and celebrate all of our JPFF accomplishments.

Details to follow. Stay tuned...

JPFF MISSION: 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. We will give special consideration to supporting Connecticut children and families. Charities interested in applying for a JPFF grant, should visit [jpff.org](http://www.jpff.org), and download our grant application.

John Patrick Flanagan Foundation www.jpff.org P.O. Box 818, Southport, CT 06890
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A heartfelt “Thank You” to our 2016 JPF donors:

The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the individuals, companies and organizations that supported our mission in 2016. JPF understands there are many organizations worthy of your support and we are appreciative of your choice to endorse the work we are doing in CT to help children and families in John’s name.

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