

## **JOHN PATRICK FLANAGAN FOUNDATION AWARDS**

### **\$18,000 IN COVID-19 RELATED GRANTS TO SIX LOCAL CHARITIES**

FAIRFIELD, July 10, 2020 - To help support local community organizations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation (JPFF) announced that it has made a series of charitable grants totaling \$18,000 to six non-profit organizations benefiting children in need.

The grants were awarded to:

- \$5,000 to New Beginnings Family Academy to provide 40 laptops/tablets to enable elementary school children in Bridgeport to participate in virtual learning
- \$3,000 to Adam's House to provide grief counseling to local families needing support due to COVID-19 deaths
- \$3,000 to Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport for computers for middle and high school students and to help feed and clothe vulnerable youth in Bridgeport
- \$3,000 to Wakeman Boys & Girls Club to help employ several part-time staff members to provide educational support to students who don't have support at home
- \$2,000 to Hall Neighborhood House to purchase PPE and disinfecting supplies required for their reopening
- \$2,000 to Bridgeport Rescue Mission for wellness kits to protect their residents and staff

"We knew that local organizations and the kids they serve were in desperate need," said JPFF board member Bridget Flanagan. "With schools closed kids needed more support, but then the facilities had to close, so we wanted to do what we could to help these organizations reopen, and help the people who need all kinds of support through this hard time."

Since 2008, the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation has raised more than \$600,000 and granted out more than \$357,000 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](http://www.jpff.org). 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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