

## **THE JOHN PATRICK FLANAGAN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$20,860 IN GRANTS**

*Enters Fourth Year Partnership with Connecticut Audubon Society for Trailblazers Program*

**February 22, 2013 – Fairfield, CT** – The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation, a charitable foundation established to help vulnerable children and families of Connecticut, today announced that it awarded \$20,860 in grants for 2012 to local Connecticut organizations.

The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation awarded grants to five Connecticut-based charities including the “JPFF Trailblazers Program” – a program it helped establish at the Connecticut Audubon Society, Caroline House in Bridgeport, Lawyers for Children America, Wakeman Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse and the High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield.

“We are committed to providing grants and resources to deserving organizations in our community and enjoy seeing how it positively impacts thousands of people’s lives every year, particularly children in need,” commented Amanda Flanagan, chairperson of The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation. “In 2012, thanks to the incredibly generous support of our donors, we were able to award the highest level of funding to these amazing organizations, each of which has some special connection to John and his life. The various grants will directly support children in need and those who most look out for them – parents, teachers, coaches, youth organizations and public advocates. We are grateful to everyone who has supported The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation to make these grants possible.”

The grant allocations are as follows:

- **CT Audubon Society Center at Fairfield** (\$7,860) – to fund the cost for the “JPFF Trailblazers Program,” which enters its fourth year of existence, and provides Bridgeport public school students with transportation to the Nature Center for nature science field trips.
- **Lawyers for Children America** (\$2,500) – to help this leading child advocacy organization recruit and train new volunteer attorneys in Fairfield County to help place children in safe permanent homes and secure for them appropriate mental health and education services.
- **Wakeman Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse in Bridgeport** (\$7,500) – to help fund a full-time counselor for teen programming at the Clubhouse in Bridgeport.
- **High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield** (\$1,000) – to fund an annual scholarship to a college-bound, high-achieving student with an economic need at Fairfield Warde High School.
- **Caroline House** (\$2,000) – to help economically disadvantaged immigrant women and children to reach the fullness of their potential through education in English language and life skills.

To learn more about The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation or to make a donation, please visit [www.jpff.org](http://www.jpff.org) or click [The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation](#). We also encourage fans to also “like” us on Facebook [here](#) or follow us @JPFFoundation on Twitter.

**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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