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Fairfield, CT, December 02, 2013 – The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation ([JPFF](#)), a charitable foundation established to help vulnerable children and families of Connecticut, today announced that it has awarded \$28,500 in grants for 2013 to local organizations. The grants were awarded to six Connecticut-based charities including the United in Hope Scholarship, Connecticut Audubon Society, Commence College Counseling, Wakeman Smilow Burroughs, Caroline House Preschool and the High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield.

“We are incredibly humbled by the amount of generosity and support for the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation over the past five years, and thrilled to continue giving back to deserving members and organizations of the local Connecticut community,” commented Amanda Flanagan, Chairperson of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation. “This past year, we provided the highest level of funding to these outstanding organizations and take pleasure in witnessing community members’ benefiting directly from the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation.”

The grant allocations are as follows:

- **CT Audubon Society Center at Fairfield** (\$8,000) – to fund the cost for the “JPFF Trailblazers Program,” which enters its fifth year of existence, and provides Bridgeport public school students with transportation to the Nature Center for nature science field trips. Since its inception more than 2000 students have participated in the Trailblazers program.
- **United in Hope Scholarship Fund** (\$5,000) – to fund a scholarship for graduating college-bound high school seniors who have lost a parent to cancer. This grant is jointly funded with the Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation.
- **Commence College Counseling** (\$3,000) – to assist the organization in gaining awareness from local students and parents by funding the creation of a website. The organization helps highly motivated students in Bridgeport apply to college and navigate the scholarship and financial aid process.
- **Wakeman Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse in Bridgeport** (\$7,000) – to help fund teen counselors who provide programming at the Clubhouse in Bridgeport, such as an afterschool job program, community service program, and high school and college prep.
- **Caroline House** (\$4,500) – to fund a nutritious snack program for the children in their preschooler program.

- **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.

Since 2008, the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation has raised more than \$370,000 and granted out \$60,000 to programs that provide resources and opportunities to disadvantaged children and families. It has made nature science field trips possible for nearly 2,000 inner-city school children 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.

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 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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