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JOHN PATRICK FLANAGAN FOUNDATION

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JPIFF Makes 2009 Grants to the Connecticut Audubon Society and Bridgeport Hospital Cancer Center

After JPIFF board members researched, visited, and interviewed more than 30 area organizations, they identified a specific need for a program that represents John and his spirit in so many ways. JPIFF made a \$6,470 grant to the Connecticut Audubon Society (CAS), to allow for the development of *The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation Trailblazers* program. Beginning this spring, the grant will cover transportation costs for 500 Bridgeport public school students to visit the CAS nature center in Fairfield. The program will include a guided tour of the grounds with activities that educate the students about what they are seeing on the trails of the 155-acre wildlife sanctuary — and a tour of the center's Birds of Prey Compound, where students will meet the society's live but non-releasable birds. ☪

"John loved to explore and hike the trails here with our own three children. On the weekends, they'd spend hours looking for salamanders, get muddy catching frogs at the pond, and watch the bluebirds and hawks in Deer Meadow," said Amanda Flanagan, John's wife and JPIFF chairperson.



Jeff Gentes, Caroline Owens Crawford, and Amanda Flanagan of JPIFF, Carol Kratzman, CAS Program Coordinator, John Phelan of JPIFF, Ann O'Leary, CAS Development Director

Thank You From Our Chairperson

Dear Friends of JPIFF,

The story of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation has been heartwarming and healing. We lost our dear John on Christmas Eve 2008 – and on April 30, 2009, JPIFF was born.

I am so proud of all we have accomplished in this short time. In this newsletter, I am happy to share the news about the impactful and meaningful grants we made in 2009.

John's Foundation has been a blessing for me and for my children. I smile when I see someone at the gym with a half-marathon T-shirt on, or when my kids notice someone wearing a shamrock pin. And now as children and families are beginning to benefit from our efforts, I am teaching my children that their Dad continues to be with us in this very special way.

I cannot express my thanks and appreciation to you for giving your time, energy, talent, and financial support to our mission. It is not fully possible to express what it has meant to me personally. I am so grateful for all we have accomplished and excited about the potential that lies ahead.

A most sincere thank you,
Amanda Flanagan

Ann O'Leary, CAS Director of Development commented: "We extend our heartfelt thanks to the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation for their generous donation. We believe that firsthand experience is essential for students to truly understand and appreciate the lessons they are learning in the classroom, and we are thrilled to be able to bring so many additional students to our Center at Fairfield to explore and enjoy the outdoors."

JPIFF Funds Children's Lounge at Cancer Center

Thanks to a \$2,000 grant from JPIFF, plus dozens of memorial contributions, the Norma F. Pfiem Cancer Institute at Bridgeport Hospital will create a special children's corner in its new family lounge, scheduled to open in late spring 2010. The children's corner will feature books, magazines, toys, and games so that younger family members can participate in age-appropriate activities and diversions. With this grant, we are giving children whose families are battling cancer a comfortable place to go when they are staying close to a loved one who is in the hospital. ♣

JPPF Fundraising News: 2009 Highlights

Your generosity has been a humbling and powerful endorsement of our mission. During 2009, the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation raised \$127,000. Incredible. Here are some highlights from the past year.

Team Flanagan at Fairfield Half Marathon, June 28, 2009

Because of John's love of the sport of running, the Foundation chose the Fairfield Half-Marathon as our kick-off event. Nearly 70 runners clad in "Run Strong" shamrock T-shirts competed in the half-marathon and 5K. John's spirit shone down in the rays of the absolutely perfect sunny day, helping to push everyone across the finish line, including many for whom the 13.1 miles were, by far, the farthest they'd ever run.



Team Flanagan at Fairfield Half-Marathon

Reach the Beach Relay, Sept. 18-19, 2009

John's friend and business partner Brad Cohen assembled a team to run in the annual Reach the Beach 100-mile team road race in New Hampshire and raised \$7000 for JPPF.



Team Flanagan at Reach the Beach Relay, Hampton, NH

NYC Soccer Tournament, Summer 2009

Another friend, Katie Turner, designated JPPF as the charitable recipient of the proceeds from an annual New York City soccer tournament.

John's Beloved Turkey Trot, Nov. 26, 2009

H.T. Owens, John's friend and longtime Turkey Trot running partner, rallied a team on Thanksgiving Day for a favorite race – the Southport Turkey Trot, a 5-mile run through John's hometown – and raised several thousand dollars for JPPF. More than 30 people made the run and shared a special morning together.



Team Flanagan celebrates after the Southport Turkey Trot

Polar Bear Plunge, Jan. 1, 2010

Another friend, Dara Dierks, shared her New Year's Eve wedding with JPPF by asking guests to support the cause in connection with a New Year's Day polar bear plunge in Boston. The JPPF shamrock made an appearance on ski caps for the frigid participants.

RELAY FOR LIFE: American Cancer Society

June 6-7, 2009

Fairfield Prep's Class of 1982 formed a relay team to honor John and support another classmate, Chad Jacobs, who is battling cancer. The team raised more than \$26,000 for the American Cancer Society — one of the largest donations by a single Connecticut team.



Class of 1982 Team members: Brendon Frey, Greg Burns, Matt Terry, Doug Tinkler, Tom Farrell, Matt Flanagan, Bob Baptist, Tom Ryan, and Chad Jacobs ♣

Thoughts of John...

As John's parents, we welcome the opportunity to author this column for the first John Patrick Flanagan Foundation newsletter. John was born on August 27, 1964, our fourth wedding anniversary, a happy coincidence that the three of us always enjoyed. On the anniversary card from John and Amanda in 2008, John penned, "As always, thanks for getting married on this day – makes my birthday that much more special."

Our large family was very important to John, although he liked to tease that even if we had but one child, we'd have a perfect family. John was smart, funny, loyal, loving, a creative thinker, a mediator, a calming influence, a problem solver, and a big brother, who sometimes sought the aid of his younger siblings to do the menial things in his life – not always successfully. John frequently served as a counselor to his siblings when they needed advice or someone to deliver the bad news to us. These early forays into "spin" and advocacy were a harbinger of his career at ICR.

The joy John experienced growing up in his family was just a prelude to the enormous joy of being a husband and father. His fondest dreams were realized when he and Amanda became the adoring parents of Emma, Bridget, and Jack. He was never happier than when he was in his lovely yard surrounded by his wife and children or walking on the trails at the Connecticut Audubon Society, which abutted their property. Life was good, and John savored and appreciated every day of it.

He thoroughly enjoyed working with two close friends from his Fairfield Prep days and relished the challenge of building a business together. As the business grew and the company prospered, he often spoke of the capable and interesting new people onboard at ICR. Throughout his professional career, his counsel was in demand — and he was respected by all — but remained the same person we knew and loved. To quote his brother: "Even with financial success, John remained an open-hearted liberal thinker. He chose altruism over avarice."

John's courage, although never tried publicly until his illness, was amazing. When John's grandmother was faced with a terminal illness many years ago he wrote to her: "I have watched you overcome so many challenges over the last eight years, that the value of strength of conviction and belief will always be with me. I have not been challenged in my life, but I am sure the future holds its tests. Know right now that when I meet these, I will be thinking of you and truthfully I will draw strength from you." It was John, who in the end, counseled all of us to "focus on the 44 wonderful years I have had and not on having been given too little time."

We're sure that John would be humbled by and proud of the creation of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation by Amanda, the family, ICR, and his close friends. Its noble goal to deliver to society some of the "give back" dreams he had talked about so often would be very comforting to him. We truly appreciate ICR's tremendous support in establishing the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation as well as the hard work of all who have been there to help at every turn.

Ann and Walter Flanagan

Somewhat prophetic of our first grant, our friend Ridge Cromwell emailed me this thought of John on Dec. 26, 2008, as we prepared for John's funeral.

- Amanda

"I love the openness and peacefulness of Deer Meadow at the Audubon. It's not Yosemite or the Grand Canyon, but it's a bit of nature closeby. Whenever I walk there, I think of John, as we were talking once and discovered our common enjoyment of that spot."

- Ridge Cromwell



Flanagan Family 1983

Save the Date!
Team Flanagan Runs Half-Marathon and Hosts
Family Fun Day, Sun., June 27, 2010

We are pleased to announce our 2010 fundraising event at the Fairfield Half-Marathon and 5K Road Race on Sun., June 27, 2010.

We are organizing a team of runners to take part in either the half-marathon or 5K. So dust off your running sneakers and start training. Following the race, JPFF will hold a Family Fun Day event at the CT Audubon Center at Burr Street in Fairfield. We encourage you to register soon, as the race is filling up quickly. You can register here: <http://www.fairfieldhalf.org>. To join Team Flanagan, please email Liz Brady (liz.brady@icrinc.com) so she can add you to our team communications.

OUR 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, please visit jpff.org.

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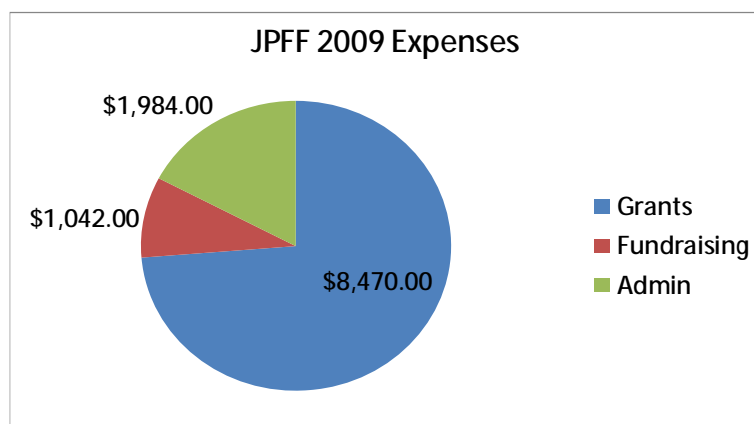
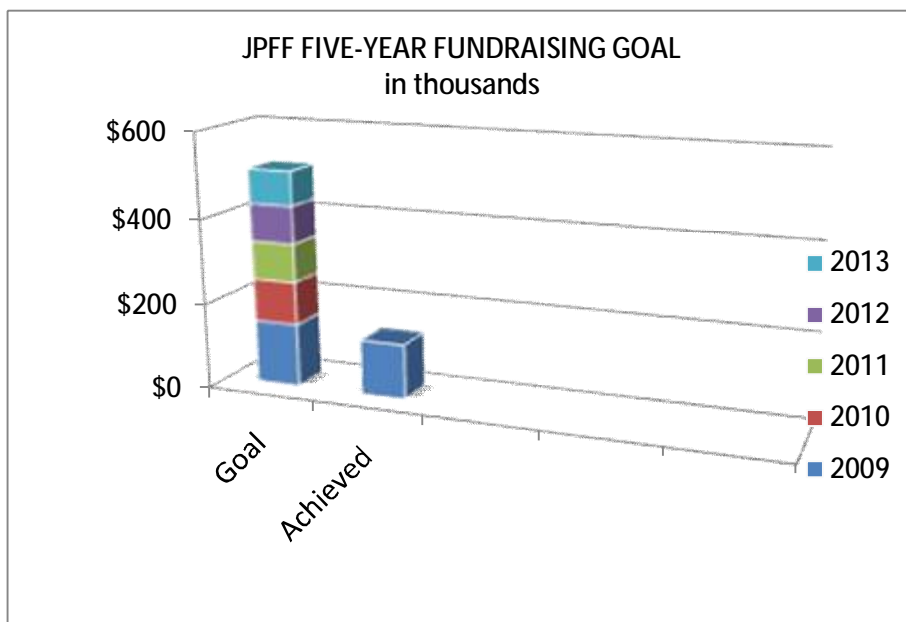
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JPFF Financial Report



FUNDRAISING GOALS:

In 2009, JPFF raised \$129, 597, nearly reaching our goal for the year. Our goal is to raise \$500,000 in five years.

GRANTS:

In 2009, JPFF granted out \$8,470 to the Connecticut Audubon Society and the Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute at Bridgeport Hospital.

OPERATING COSTS:

Our operating expenses included web site hosting fees, credit card processing fees, P.O. box fees, event planning costs, fundraising costs, and other administrative costs. All legal, graphic design, accounting, and other operating costs were donated. ♣