

JOHN PATRICK FLANAGAN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$54,600 IN 2020 GRANTS

More than \$400,000 granted to area programs that help children and families since 2008

Fairfield, CT, January 30, 2021 – The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation (JPFF), a charitable foundation established to help vulnerable children and families of Connecticut, today announced that it has awarded \$54,600 in grants in December 2020 to 12 local organizations. The grants were awarded to ten local charities including the Circle of Care, Connecticut Audubon Society, Connecticut Burns Care Foundation, New Haven Reads, Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse, Hall Neighborhood House, St. Joseph Parenting Center, Lawyers for Children America, New Beginnings Family Academy, and Wakeman Smilow Burroughs Community Center.

“The pandemic has put additional stresses on the community resulting in child abuse, substance abuse, neglect, struggle with home schooling, learning loss, and emotional trauma,” commented Amanda Flanagan, Chairperson of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation. “During this challenging time, it is more important than ever to bolster the small local programs that give people in our community the support they need.”

The grant allocations are as follows:

Connecticut Audubon Society (\$11,000) – to fund the cost for the “JPFF Trailblazers Program,” which enters its 11th year of existence, providing Bridgeport public school students with earth science programming. Currently, instead of in-person field trips, the programming was virtual. Since its inception, nearly 8,000 students have participated in the Trailblazers program.

Circle of Care (\$3,500) – to support their Lifeline Emergency Fund, a financial assistance program aimed at alleviating some of the financial difficulties many families experience when their children are undergoing treatment for cancer, enabling children to have continued access to high quality care, while relieving the family of the devastating financial impact of treatment.

New Haven Reads (\$5,500) – to fund their new program RISE – Reading Interventions for Success Everyday – which helps the children identified with intensive needs and are most at-risk to fail to learn to read with a consistent, structured reading program that provides 90 1x1 lessons over the course of 30 weeks.

Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse (\$2,000) – to fund coaching staff for an after-school program offered to Bridgeport city boys and girls through the city of Bridgeport’s Lighthouse program.

Hall Neighborhood House (\$5,000) – to support their Youth Services program to help fund staff, specialists, equipment and supplies for academic support, enrichment, art. STEM education and more.

High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield (\$1,000)–to fund the John Flanagan Memorial annual scholarship awarded to a college-bound, high-achieving student with an economic need at Fairfield Warde High School.

St. Joseph Parenting Center (SJPC) (\$5,000) – to fund their General Parenting program which educates parents in order to protect children. The program teaches basic parenting skills, such as discipline, building self esteem in children, anger management, budgeting, and nutrition.

Connecticut Burns Care Foundation (\$2,500) – This grant covers the cost of one child to attend their Children’s Burn camp, which has been in operation since 1991. CBCF was founded in 1978 by the head of a physician at Bridgeport hospital and a Bridgeport firefighter.

Lawyers for Children America (\$4,000) – As its caseload continues to grow at an increasing rate and its services are more in demand, LFCA provides aid to abused and neglected children in the CT legal system.

New Beginnings Family Academy (\$5,000) – NBFA provides students a meaningful, high-quality education through experience-based learning that helps develop essential social, emotional and critical-thinking skills. This grant supports their expanded (due to COVID-19) technology program to purchase a server and 100 software licenses for at-home learning.

Wakeman Smilow Burroughs (\$5,100) – to fund the Wakeman Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse “Be There” Resilience Program for a certified social worker to provide resiliency skills for Wakeman’s youngest members (3rd -4th grade girls).

United in Hope Scholarship Fund (\$5,000)–to provide college tuition assistance to high school graduates who have lost a parent to cancer. This grant is jointly supported by the Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation.

About the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation

The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation was established in loving memory of John Patrick Flanagan who passed away from 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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