

JOHN PATRICK FLANAGAN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$33,500 IN 2022 GRANTS

More than a half million dollars granted to area programs that help children and families since 2008

Fairfield, CT, December 20, 2022 – The John Patrick Flanagan Foundation (JPFF), a charitable foundation established to help vulnerable children and families of Connecticut, today announced that it has awarded \$33,500 in grants to 8 local organizations: The Caroline House, The Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation, Circle of Care, Connecticut Audubon Society, New Beginnings Family Academy, High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield, New Haven Reads, and Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse.

“Given this year’s challenging macroeconomic climate, we had to adjust our grant plans”, said Amanda Flanagan, Chairperson. “We took a more conservative approach and supported our long-time partners who’ve come to rely on us.”

JPFF is happy to continue to be able to support these wonderful charities. The grant allocations are as follows:

- **The Caroline House** (\$4,000) - For the Mother Child Literacy Program focusing on ESL and life skills for women. Preschool classes as well as tutoring for older children address the achievement gap between low-income children and their more affluent peers. Preschoolers develop language and school-readiness skills that give them a beneficial head start for success in English-only kindergartens and lay the groundwork for a lifetime.
- **The Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation** (\$2,500) - To support the United in Hope Scholarship, an academic scholarship awarded by The Chad A. Jacobs Memorial Foundation to a high school senior who lost a parent to cancer, and is planning on attending an institution of higher learning.
- **Circle of Care** (\$4,000) - For their Lifeline Emergency Fund to help underinsured and poor families alleviate a critical financial difficulty experienced when child is undergoing treatment
- **Connecticut Audubon Society, John Patrick Flanagan Trailblazers program** (\$10,000) - To fund the “JPFF Trailblazers Program,” which enters its 14th year of existence, providing Bridgeport public school students with earth science programming and field trips. This year participation included 32 classes, or 719 students, from Bridgeport Public Schools.

- **New Beginnings Family Academy (\$3,000)** - To support science-based field trips by students in grades K-5 to the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk and visits by Aquarium educators to NBFA for classroom presentations to pre-K students. As planned, 290 students in grades pre-K through 5th grade will participate in the program in Year One.
- **High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield (\$1,000)** - A scholarship at Fairfield Warde High School to support a student who demonstrates economic need to pursue a higher education.
- **New Haven Reads (\$4,000)** - To fund one-on-one instruction three days a week for 30 weeks (for a total of 90 intervention sessions) for students in the RISE Program, which serves children with the most intensive need who are at critical risk for illiteracy.
- **Wakeman Boys and Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse (\$5,000)** - For their career exploration program, an extension of the Diplomas2Degrees college readiness program. The staff help participants on job search, interview skills, and resume writing as well as the follow up required to secure a job. The goal is to have participants understand the process, become aware of opportunities, and build the necessary confidence to actively pursue employment.

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. To learn more about the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation, please visit www.jpff.org.

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