

Celebrating 35 Years

Newsletter - Fall 2016

The
**Susan
FUND**



*Dedicated to
providing
educational
scholarships
to
Fairfield
County
students
diagnosed
with cancer*

Standing - Left to Right: James McQuade, Melissa Figueroa, Camryn Prince, Aaron Gaberman, Harrison Grinnell, Thomas Cole, Heather Stabinsky, Katie Lovallo, Logan Barer, Peter Symochko, Carter Nordman, Brian Bodick, Cordelia Scudder

Seated - Left to Right: Bryan Platt, Kendyl Nethercott, Madeline Salveson, Amanda Gonzalez, Jasmine Patterson, Brittany DeNigris, Lucas Whittaker, Gianna Sarica, Emma Rhoads

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The Susan Fund Reception

The 35th annual Susan Fund Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, June 28th at The Center for Survivorship in Southport. The mood was joyful as the scholarship recipients, their families and friends, Board members and invited guests gathered to celebrate their academic and personal achievements.

Jeff Keith, Director of The Center, and one of the first recipients of The Susan Fund scholarship, welcomed the attendees and reflected on his personal journey.



“Not a day goes by when I don’t remember Susan. I was a student at Fairfield Prep and she was attending Staples High School. We were diagnosed at the same time. I survived and she did not. This influenced my decision to dedicate the rest of my life to raising money and providing on-going support services for people diagnosed with cancer.”

The CT Challenge Bike Ride provides the funds and The Center for Survivorship provides the services and support. As in the past, each recipient was presented with a one year membership to The Center, which includes personal training sessions and access to classes. Jeff concluded his welcome by announcing a donation of \$25,000. Ann Lloyd, Susan’s mother and president of The Susan Fund thanked Jeff not only for his continued support, but for hosting the awards ceremony for the past three years.

Ann noted, “This year we are celebrating the 35th anniversary of The Susan Fund.” In 1982, scholarships were awarded to six recipients. In 2016, we awarded 29! Susan’s brother, David, shared his thoughts about what made Susan such a special human being. “She loved life and embraced it. She radiated the spirit of Christmas throughout the year. As Susan battled cancer, she worried about how our family was doing. She went through a leg amputation, chemo and radiation and never stopped looking forward to attending college. This is the philosophy that The Susan Fund scholars have embraced.”



This year’s speaker was Logan Barer, a four-year scholarship recipient. Although he had prepared a speech, he told the audience that he was going to speak from his heart. Logan noted that, although receiving the financial support is important, the emotional support is more significant. “Just knowing that there are people there who are holding you, who have been through the worst thing that people go through is so important. The Susan Fund is that constant, no matter what we are facing. That feeling is what makes me truly happy to be able to give back through participating in the Troupe du Jour fundraiser.”



The ceremony concluded with Board member, Kathy DiGiovanna, awarding the scholarships. She stated that, this year, The Board awarded the most money ever. She introduced each recipient and captured the essence of each person’s journey. As Kathy stated, “Our scholars are outstanding, courageous and intelligent. They are mature beyond their years. Today is our scholar’s day to celebrate life. We are fortunate to share in their glow.”

The Susan Fund Team Bikes the CT Challenge

Reflections by Will Lloyd

The last Saturday in July was a beautiful day for The CT Challenge Bike Ride throughout Fairfield County. Fortunately for the more than 1,000 riders, the heat and humidity took a breather. This year, The Susan Fund fielded 16 riders across three teams. In total, the riders raised almost \$15,000. The participants were Alexander and Matt Garnett, Peter Flatlow, Will and Jen Williams Lloyd, Arlo, Susan and Jessica Ellison, Joe Quinn and Joe Quinn, Jr., Charles Stanley, Elizabeth and Nina Levine, Jasmine and James Patterson, Jared Stokes and Johnny Scott. More than a third of our riders were new participants. We hope the number continues to grow in support of this exceptional event.



Reflections by Jasmine Patterson



Bike riding is one of my favorite things to do. So when I first heard about the CT Challenge, I knew that I wanted to ride in it. This is my third year participating in the event and each year has been better than the last. I love to ride because this event enables cancer survivors like me to give back to a worthy cause through their support and service. This past April, my aunt lost her battle with cancer, so I decided to create a team to ride in her memory. This is why this year's ride had a special meaning to me and finishing the course was extremely satisfying. I look forward to participating in the event every year.



A New Alliance for The Susan Fund

The Susan Fund has joined the newly formed Childhood Cancer Alliance of Connecticut. Their vision is “to be the premier, trusted resource and guide for childhood cancer in Connecticut. to provide universal access to information and support services...to provide patients, parents and social workers with resources, solutions, care, understanding and expertise.”

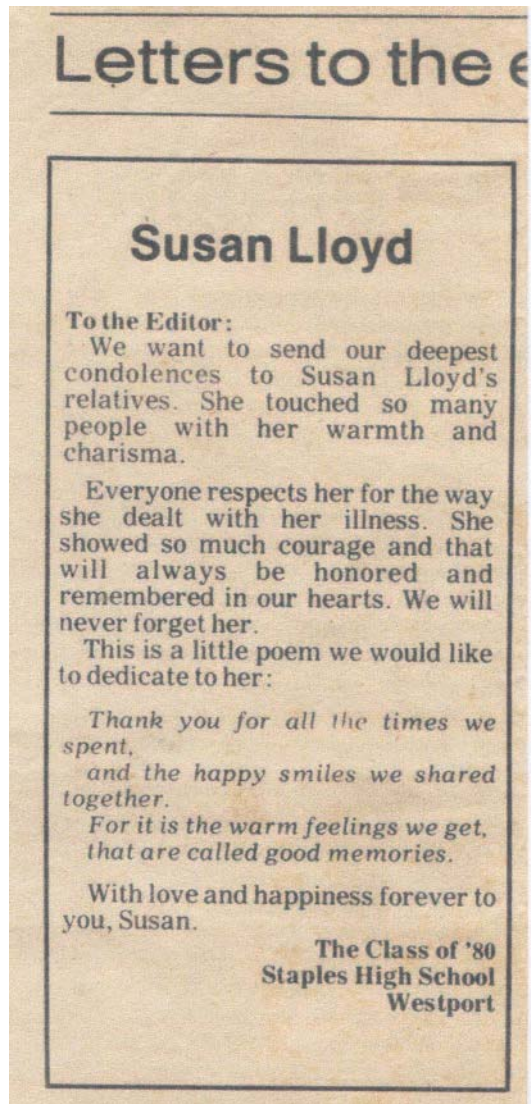


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CTCancerAlliance.org

A Tribute to Susan From the Class of 1980

Westport News, 1980



First Recipients - Where Are They Now?

Thirty-five years ago The Susan Fund, then known as The Susan Davis Lloyd Educational Memorial Fund, awarded its first scholarships to six recipients. Those scholars were:

Robert Adams: He grew up in Easton and attended Southern Connecticut State University. Unfortunately, he died while he was attending college.

Ken Barry: He grew up in Norwalk and graduated from Fordham University. He lives in Georgia and teaches speech therapy in the public schools. Cancer continues to impact his life, but Ken gains solace from working with young children. His hope is that he is making a difference in their lives.

Craig Hetzer: He grew up in Fairfield and graduated from Wesleyan University. He now resides in Los Angeles and works as the Senior Vice President and Creative Director for Knock, Knock, independent makers of clever gifts, books and stationery.

Amy Kamenick Dodson: She grew up in Wilton and graduated from Bucknell University. She lives in Burbank, Illinois and is a science instructor at Queen of Peace High School.

Jeff Keith: He grew up in Fairfield and graduated from Boston University. He has dedicated this chapter of his life to raising money and providing on-going support services to people who have been diagnosed with cancer. Jeff is one of the founders of The Center for Survivorship in Southport.

Antoinette "Toni" Suarez DeCarlo: She grew up in Stratford and graduated from the University of Bridgeport. Antoinette worked as an interior decorator. She and her husband, Russ, were parents of two sons and were the proprietors of The River Street restaurant in Milford. Antoinette passed away in 2006.



Fund Raising Events Throughout the Decades

The Susan Fund: The Beginnings



**The first Board Members -
Standing: John Mihalec &
Micheline Milo
Seated: Eve Potts & Ann Lloyd**

Eve Potts Reminisces

Although we were not close friends, I knew about Susan and her bravery in dealing with the amputation of her leg and her battle with cancer. After her death, Ann was determined to honor her with a memorial fund. She contacted the Candlelighters, part of the Leukemia Society, and started The Susan Davis Lloyd Educational Fund within that organization. In 1991, Ann set up a separate fund to specifically benefit the education of young people from Fairfield County who had dealt, as Susan had, with cancer at the crucial time in their lives - when they were planning on going to college.

I joined The Susan Fund Board and was part of the group that interviewed the first candidates. I was deeply affected by each of them. I was overwhelmed by their courage. I was buoyed by the hope we were able to give to them by bringing them together and acknowledging their unique needs. I left the Board about 20 years ago, but have kept up with the Fund's progress. It is exciting for me to see how The Susan Fund has grown both in the number of young people receiving grants and the amounts that are awarded. I attended this year's reception and was impressed with the courage, strength and

determination that each participant showed.

A mother's pain in losing a child never disappears, but Ann has made it her mission in life to keep Susan's memory alive with her unwavering dedication to The Susan Fund.

Wally Meyer Reminisces

Jeff Keith, the founder of CT Challenge, was one of the first recipient of The Susan Fund. At that time, based on his accomplishments, the Board felt there would never again be a candidate like Jeff. They soon found that all the candidates are like Jeff. They each have the same strong spirit (the strength to fight cancer) and generous spirit (the desire to help others). A college friend and Susan Fund supporter tells me that he looks forward to each new issue of the newsletter. He reads it cover to cover and particularly likes the bios. Reading them, he says, adds some "zing" to his life. What a tribute! I think reading those bios adds "zing" to all our lives!

Shelley Newman Reminisces

The Susan Fund is an amazing organization that I have been privileged to see grow from birth to maturity. I was a member of the Board of Directors for 35 years. I interviewed almost all scholarship applicants and always felt exhilarated after each session. They had such a positive attitude about their future and this spirit was contagious. What is now The Susan Fund started by being affiliated with Candlelighters, a self-help group of parents with children with cancer. I was Vice President of that group. After a few years it became an independent entity. The Fund has earned the reputation for impacting the lives of those who have been treated for cancer and their families. Especially inspiring to me is the large number of our scholars who volunteer to help others. Many have entered occupations related to cancer - oncology, nursing, pharmacy.

The Susan Fund annual award presentation is unique because it gives applicants the rare opportunity to share experiences and emotions with others who are or have been "in the same boat." I have given much time to The Susan Fund during the past 35 years, but it has given me much more than I have given to it. I have been blessed for it is always an inspiration to me.

Susan Fund: Reaching A Milestone, Helping Hundreds

by Dan Woog, June 23, 2016, www.06880.com

Thirty-five years ago, The Susan Fund awarded its first grants. The recipients were special: young men and women battling cancer who — besides facing staggering medical bills — needed help paying for college.

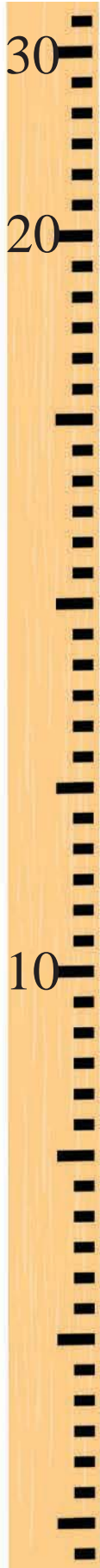
This year, The Susan Fund — named in honor of Susan Lloyd, a popular, multi-talented Staples student who succumbed to bone cancer before she was able to attend Colgate University — reaches a milestone. It has distributed \$1.5 million, providing hope (and education) to hundreds of Fairfield County residents.

Every awardee's story is unique. But Kendall Mather illustrates just how powerful an impact The Susan Fund can have. Kendall grew up in Westport. She attended Greens Farms Elementary and Bedford Middle Schools. At Staples she was on the tennis team, and active in the St. Luke's Church youth group. Two years ago, near the end of junior year, the back, hip and leg pain she'd experienced for a while grew intolerable. The morning of her Advanced Placement Economics test, she could not walk. Several doctors thought it was a sports injury. But at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, Kendall was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Kendall's cancer has a very high cure rate. Still, she underwent several rounds of chemo, and a few surgeries due to complications. She'll finish her treatment in October — soon after entering the University of Miami. (She took this year off, to focus on her health.) Friends and family have provided tremendous support. "When I was in my worst shape, they treated me normally," Kendall says.

The Susan Fund offers a different kind of support: financial. "Medical bills are a huge burden to many families," Kendall notes. "Even the scans to see if treatment is working are enormous. It's amazing what this Fund can do for families." Kendall is gratified to be one of the recipients. At Miami, she plans to major in business, with a focus on real estate. Then, when she embarks on her own career, with her degree (and a cancer-free diagnosis), Kendall looks forward to giving back to The Susan Fund. "They've helped so many people," she notes. "It's the least I can do."



Reflections of Board Members



Kathy DiGiovanna – Board Member for 33 Years - I have been a Board member for over 30 years. Each year, when the kids come for their interviews, I am reminded of why this organization is so unique. We hear stories of courage, success and optimism that inspire all of us to appreciate what we have and where we are. The Susan Fund is a pure charity. The money goes to the students and they raise the bar for those around them. Their intelligence, humor and strength is far beyond their years. That rubs off on us and we are all better people because of our recipients. They are remarkable students and I feel blessed by them and by what we do for them, monetarily and supportively. Susan had a very strong spirit and it shines through in each of our kids.

Kelly Frey Pollard – Board Member for 18 Years - As the recipient liaison, I cherish the relationships I have formed with each of our students, whether in person at their interview, at our reception in June or communicating with them on the phone, via email or text. Each year, I am humbled by their strength, courage and determination. My memories of my dear friend Susan remain strong as a result of getting to know such amazing Susan Fund recipients who remind me so much of her.

Ed Grossman – Board Member for 16 Years - If you are having a bad day or feel depressed, come to a Board meeting when we are interviewing student scholarship applicants and be cured! These students have dealt with life's issues and will put things in perspective for you.

Susan Baron – Board Member for 16 Years - Being on the Board for 16 years is an experience I treasure. The students we interview have become stronger and view life more positively as the result of their experience with cancer. They inspire me every day and teach me about the resilience of the human spirit.

Matthew Garnett – Board Member for 12 Years - As a survivor of childhood Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, I was honored when, as a recipient, The Susan Fund supported me through my undergraduate and graduate education. The annual interview was special because the Board members got to know me. The financial support was great but knowing that they genuinely cared about me was even greater. It was wonderful to speak candidly about my experience with cancer and some of the issues that resulted from my treatment. Back then, there was a stigma to talking about such things. I was once again honored by The Susan Fund when they be asked me to join the Board. As a Board member who has been a recipient, it is a privilege to meet these students. We become a small part of their lives and have the gift of watching them mature.

Diane Giannitti-Karazulus – Board Member for 11 Years - Every year I am so thrilled to be a part of the interview process and scholarship reception. The recipients never cease to amaze me. Having had the pleasure of knowing Susan, I feel certain she would be pleased with what the Fund has accomplished in her memory. I am so grateful to continue to honor her life and the wonderful way she lived it, with grace and courage and by making others feel good around her. Thirty six years later and I am still inspired and moved by having known her.

Lesley Palange – Board Member for 10 Years - I am honored to be part of The Susan Fund, not only as a former recipient, but also as a Board member. We are fortunate to be able to meet and talk with so many amazing, inspiring students. As soon as students submit an application, they automatically become part of this caring family. It is rare to be able to sit with an interview committee and feel accepted, strong, proud and ultimately loved for who you are and what you have been through. The Susan Fund is a group of people who volunteer to help students make their academic and life-long dreams possible.

Stewart Levine – Board Member for 8 Years - It happens every time. I am ecstatic, a little surprised and enormously pleased when the recipients at our meetings say that they just want to thank the Board for all their help. The smile on their faces is so fulfilling that I can't think of a more satisfying moment. What we have done for so many people seeking to advance their education really seems to matter. It's been such a pleasure over the years to serve on the Board and do all we can to help each recipient. They have their own stories of hard work and courage and it has been a privilege to be involved in their lives in some small way.

Jeff Booth – Board Member for 6 Years - It's an honor to be on the Board and meet an amazing group of recipients every year. I'm also proud to say more than 90% of the contributions we receive go directly to scholarships.





Logan Barer
Easton, CT
Ithaca College

Logan aspires to be a professional baseball player or to work as a broadcaster or a coach. He served as both a starting and relief pitcher for Ithaca's 2016 baseball team. He volunteered for Ithaca's fundraising phone-a-thons and hosted and performed in the second annual Troupe du Jour Improv Susan Fund fundraiser. This summer,

Logan had several baseball coaching positions. He continues to write for an online NY Mets website, metsmerizedonline.com. This is Logan's fourth Susan Fund scholarship.



Brian Bodick
New Canaan, CT
Providence College

Brian is a first-time Susan Fund scholarship recipient. He will be graduating in 2017 from Providence College with a degree in Finance. Brian is a Division 1 swimmer and has used his swimming experience to give lessons to children ages 4 to 10. While undergoing treatment, Brian took classes at Fairfield University. One of his professors described him as

a remarkably thoughtful, intellectually curious and gracious young man.



Joseph Caruso
Trumbull, CT
Fairfield University

In December, Joe will graduate with a Master's degree in Finance. He currently works in the financial planning/analysis department for NewsCorp in Wilton. This summer he was able to travel to Cancun. Joe's ultimate career goal is to become a Financial Analyst and live in the Norwalk or Stamford area. He continues to volunteer for The Jimmy Fund. This is Joe's

fifth Susan Fund scholarship.



Thomas Cole
Trumbull, CT
UCONN – Stamford

Tom is a sophomore at UCONN and is a two-time scholarship recipient. He has a passion for politics and plans to major in Political Science. Tom would like to intern in Congress and seek elected office in the future. During the summer, he worked for the Bridgeport Parks and Recreation Department at Pleasure Beach as a supervisor. Tom describes the work as physically tough

and mentally challenging. He is an articulate, self-confident person who is ready to attack life's future challenges.



Brittany DeNigris
Bethel, CT
Carnegie-Mellon University

This is Brittany's third Susan Fund scholarship. She is working toward her MFA degree. She wrote, "I want to be an artist with a robust research and studio practice, and to pair this with very thoughtful teaching." This school year, Brittany worked with graduating seniors in the Senior Studio course and with an Advanced

Drawing class dealing with spatial systems. She shared with the Board one of her recent artistic endeavors, "Wave Dash," a performance with three characters, one of whom was Brittany.



Madison Erhardt
Sandy Hook, CT
University of Tampa

Maddie is majoring in English, with a double minor in Communications and Criminology. Last summer, she interned in the communications and media relations department of Connecticut's Make-a-Wish chapter where she helped develop a social media strategy and assisted in fundraising activities. Maddie worked

with a group repairing houses in Pennsylvania and was part of a team that created the Poet's Society, a school club. This is Maddie's third scholarship.



Anthony Fabrizio-Garcia
New Fairfield, CT
Western CT State Univ.

Anthony graduated from New Fairfield High School in June 2016. He has an interest in computers and plans to major in Computer Science. His goal is to work in the field of computer programming and engineering. During the summer, Anthony worked at Gourmet To Go Deli and took math

and English classes at WCSU. He has volunteered for Relay for Life, coached intramural basketball and assisted with the middle school track team. This is his first Susan Fund scholarship.



Melissa Figueroa
Stratford, CT
S. New Hampshire University

Melissa will obtain her Bachelors of Nursing Science degree in May 2017, enabling her to work as an RN. In addition to her studies, Melissa is working at Stamford Hospital as a staff nurse in an in-patient unit. She is the mother of two children and volunteers at her daughter's school. Melissa feels that the emotional support she has received from being a

part of The Susan Fund has made her realize that she is not alone in dealing with life's challenges, but is a part of a greater community.



Aaron Gaberman
Wilton, CT
Marist College

Aaron, a four-time scholarship recipient, will graduate in May 2017 with a Sports Communication degree and a minor in Global Studies. He spent the 2016 spring semester studying in Ireland. Last summer, he interned at Yale in the Sports Publicity department. Upon graduation, Aaron hopes to obtain a full-time internship in baseball operations with the New

York Yankees. Among his many volunteer activities is serving as a Young Adult Ambassador for the CT Challenge Center for Survivorship.



Jasmyn Gooden
Bridgeport, CT
Monroe College/Lincoln Tech

Jasmyn works part-time as a Certified Nurse's Aid (CNA) at Cambridge Health facility in Bridgeport. She enjoys helping the residents with her skills and knowledge and interacting by playing games with them. Jasmyn is pursuing her LPN degree which she plans to complete in December. She looks forward to continuing "to provide

great and loving care to people who need it." Jasmyn volunteers for the Bridgeport Soccer program and at The Burroughs Community Center.



Harrison Grinnell
Old Greenwich, CT
SUNY Purchase Manhattanville

Harrison is a returning Susan Fund scholarship recipient. He graduated from SUNY in 2013 and spent time in the working world. He was the tennis pro at Greenwich Racquet Club, a counselor in the child care department at The Glenville School and coached the tennis teams at Greenwich Catholic High School. These experiences convinced him to pursue his passion of working

with children. When he graduates, Harrison hopes to teach history in middle school and to continue coaching tennis and other sports.



Kendall Mather
Westport, CT
University of Miami

First-time Susan Fund recipient, Kendall is attending the University of Miami, Coral Gables. Her focus will be on business and real estate finance, with the ultimate goal of being an international real estate developer. She graduated from Staples High School in 2015 and took a year off to complete her cancer treatment. Kendall's letter of recommendation

described her strong work ethic and powerful personality.



Amanda Gonzalez
New Fairfield, CT
Pace University

Amanda will graduate in May 2017 with her BA in Applied Psychology. She is planning to obtain her Master's degree in Expressive Therapy. This will enable her to utilize creative arts in her work with people with disabilities or illnesses. At Pace, Amanda volunteers for the Psychology club, ASPIRE and Colleges Against Cancer. She was

elected to Psi Chi National Honor Society, which she views as one of her greatest accomplishments. This is Amanda's fourth Susan Fund scholarship.



Nicole Graham
Old Greenwich, CT
Dartmouth College

Nicole has a dual major at Dartmouth in Psychology and Economics. This is her third Susan Fund scholarship. During the 2016 winter semester, she had the opportunity to work at Bluebird Bio, a boutique biotech company which is an industry leader in gene therapy for rare diseases. She assisted the Patient Affairs team there and organized a company-wide

event. Nicole studied abroad in Scotland during the summer of 2016.



Katherine Lovalo
Shelton, CT
Quinnipiac Law School

This is Katie's fifth Susan Fund scholarship. She graduated in May 2016 from UNH with a Bachelor's Degree in International Security, Global Studies and Political Science. During her last semester, Katie interned at the Connecticut State's Attorney office. This fall, she began a three year program at Quinnipiac Law School, with the goal of becoming a

prosecutor. Katie has participated in the CT Challenge and "New Haven Reads," where she reads and tutors a child.



James McQuad
Fairfield, CT
Loyola University

James graduated from Ludlow High School this past June where he was recognized as a class leader. He was a member of the National Honor Society and the a cappella choir group. He is a Youth American Cancer Society senior advisor, a member of St. Paul's Youth Leadership Council and has worked for Making Strides for Breast Cancer

and with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This is James' first Susan Fund scholarship.



Kendyl Nethercott
Greenwich, CT
Manhattanville College

Kendyl is a two-time scholarship recipient. She is majoring in elementary education at Manhattanville and will complete a five year program and graduate with a Master's degree. She is a member of the golf team and worked with children at a golf academy this past summer. Kendyl's volunteering

includes Art from the Heart, which creates customized room makeovers for children with cancer. She participated in the Duchesne Center Volunteer Program and with events for Make-A-Wish Connecticut.



Jasmine Patterson
Norwalk, CT
University of Bridgeport

Jasmine will graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in May 2017. She would like to have a career in motion media graphics, graphic design or web page design. This past summer, Jasmine interned for News12, where she did graphic images for news stories. She continues to be an active volunteer student on campus for the African

Students Association and The Civil Rights Activist. Jasmine was also part of The Susan Fund team that participated in The CT



Camryn Prince
Westport, CT
Sarah Lawrence

Camryn is studying psychology at Sarah Lawrence and ultimately would like to work in either research or as a therapist. Since her freshman year, the focus for her independent project has been on the ways that technology, specifically social media, shapes our daily lives and perceptions. This fall, her research culminated in an

internationally funded presentation in France. During the past year, Camryn has also worked as a research assistant for a professor in the psychology department.



Madeline Salvesson
Fairfield, CT
University of Delaware

This is Madeline's first Susan Fund scholarship. Last June, she graduated from Fairfield Ludlowe High School where she was enrolled in AP science classes. Her goal is to earn her degree in Biology and then attend medical school to become a pediatric oncologist. Madeline has worked as a cook and a cashier at a local restaurant

and as a math tutor at Mathnasium. She recently interned at Yale, where she was a lab employee and was given the opportunity to perform scientific experiments.



Carter Nordman
Newtown, CT
Roger Williams University

Carter is a second-year recipient of The Susan Fund scholarship. He is in his sophomore year at Roger Williams and is enrolled in The Gambelli School of Business. His goal is to earn a degree in marketing and web design and hopes to find an internship in digital marketing. At Roger Williams,

Carter has been involved in a number of volunteer groups and participated in the school's Day of Volunteering.



Bryan Platt
Sheldon, CT
University of New Haven

Bryan graduated from Shelton High School and is a first-time Susan Fund recipient. He also attended the Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture School where he completed over 100 hours of community service. Bryan enjoys playing the electric guitar and singing heavy metal music with his band. He will be in the music performance program at

The University of New Haven and will graduate with a Music and Sound Recording degree.



Emma Rhoads
Westport, CT
Parsons The New School for Design

This is Emma's third Susan Fund scholarship. Last year she worked for Lanvin during market week, Rodarte during fashion week and interned for Badgley Mischka. This past summer, she interned in New York City with Michael Kors in their shoe design division. Emma will be studying

fashion design in Paris for her entire junior year. As her career goal is to become a fashion designer, this will be an invaluable experience.



Gianna Sarica
Trumbull, CT
Norwalk Community College

Gianna has been a part-time student at Norwalk Community College and works full time at a local supermarket. Her plan is to complete physical therapy assistant classes, take a few years off to work and then return to pursue a degree in Physical Therapy. Every summer Gianna volunteers as a counselor at Camp Rising Sun, where

she used to be a camper. This is her first Susan Fund scholarship.



Cordelia Scudder
Bridgeport, CT
Sacred Heart University

This is Cordelia's second Susan Fund scholarship. She is working towards a degree in Early Childhood/Special Education. Her hope is to go on to obtain an advanced degree in psychology. Cordelia expresses her desire to help traumatized children learn and succeed at home and in school. She leads a very busy life. She

works in the field of substance abuse, a job she has held for the past 22 years, and takes classes at night.



Heather Stabinsky
Monroe, CT
Quinnipiac University

Heather is a biology major at Quinnipiac and aspires to become an MD who focuses on surgery or genetics research. After a relapse of her cancer in October 2015, Heather is again in remission and looks forward to getting back to Quinnipiac this fall. In the past, she has volunteered for the CT Challenge and

raised money for Relay for Life. Heather is a second-time Susan Fund scholarship recipient.



Peter Symochko
Monroe, CT
UCONN - Storrs

This is Peter's fifth Susan Fund scholarship. He has completed the second of an intensive four-year Doctor of Pharmacy program at UCONN. His goal is to work in a retail pharmacy. Over the last year, Peter worked as an intern at Walgreens and, during the winter, he worked at the Norwalk Hospital pharmacy as

part of an institutional rotation. He continues to volunteer at his church and is a long-time member of a Ukrainian dance group.



Jacqueline Walter
Old Greenwich, CT
University of Denver

Jacqui is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree and plans to become a medical social worker. She would like to focus on pediatrics. Jacqui is interning at the University of Colorado Hospital in the Neurosciences Outpatient Unit, where she will be doing referrals, resource connections, case management and therapy. This year, Jacqui also interned at Warren

Village, a transitional housing and self-sufficiency program for single parents moving from poverty to independence.

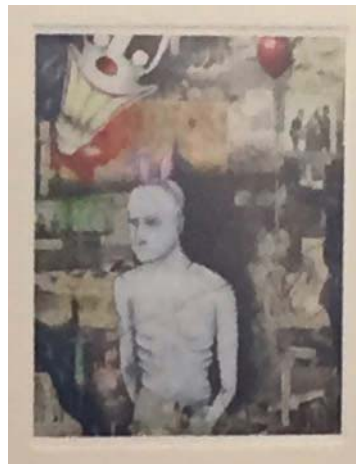


Lucas Whittaker
Darien, CT
Rhode Island University

Lucas is a first-time Susan Fund scholarship recipient; he graduated from Darien High School in June 2016. He is passionate about art and, in the future, he sees himself as teaching, running a studio or creating drawings and paintings as a freelance artist. He has been able to utilize his art to express his emotions as a cancer survivor. Lucas has volunteered for

the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and was honored as Boy of the Year in 2015. For the past two years, he participated in the CT Challenge.

Art by **Lucas Whittaker**



HELP WANTED

WANT TO HELP AND BECOME PART OF THE SUSAN FUND LEGACY?

We'd welcome:

- Grant writers
- Researchers to track down former recipients
- Writers to assist with the newsletter
- Event coordinators
- Social media savvy people
- People to help with mailings

Contact us at SusanFund@gmail.com

The Susan Fund Presents the Third Annual “Troupe du Jour” Fundraiser Saturday, January 7, 2017 Details to Follow

An evening of zany, unpredictable fun!

On Saturday, January 9, 2016, The Susan Fund held the Second Annual Troupe du Jour fundraiser at the Saugatuck Congregational Church in Westport. It was an evening of zany, unpredictable fun for all who attended.

Logan Barer, a Susan Fund scholarship recipient and Troupe member, described his experience of participating in this event.

“Troupe du Jour is an improvisational comedy group comprised of Easton’s Joel Barlow High School students and alumni as well as men and women from nearby towns. Directed by Diana Canova, who starred on the TV shows Soap, Throb and I’m A Big Girl Now, Troupe du Jour puts on shows to raise money for various charities, one of which is, The Susan Fund. I am part of the troupe and a current Susan Fund recipient.”



“2017 will be the third consecutive year Troupe du Jour will perform to benefit The Susan Fund. It feels wonderful to perform anytime, but it feels ‘extra awesome’ to perform for such a good cause. Being able to give back to the organization that has done so much for me is very fulfilling. I wouldn’t be able to attend Ithaca College if not for The Susan Fund’s support. Every joke I make on stage is just another way for me to say ‘Thank you!’”

In Memoriam

The Board of The Susan Fund wishes to acknowledge the passing of the following scholarship recipients:

Ryan Christian Van Zandt passed away on January 21, 2016 following a courageous battle with uveal melanoma, a rare form of cancer. He attended Arizona State University and graduated from Western Connecticut State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business. Ryan was the keynote speaker at a fundraiser for CancerCare of Connecticut and was described as a warrior who fought his cancer with strength and dignity.

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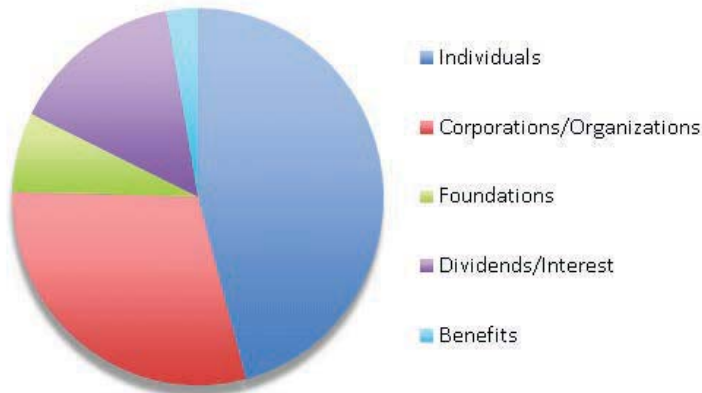
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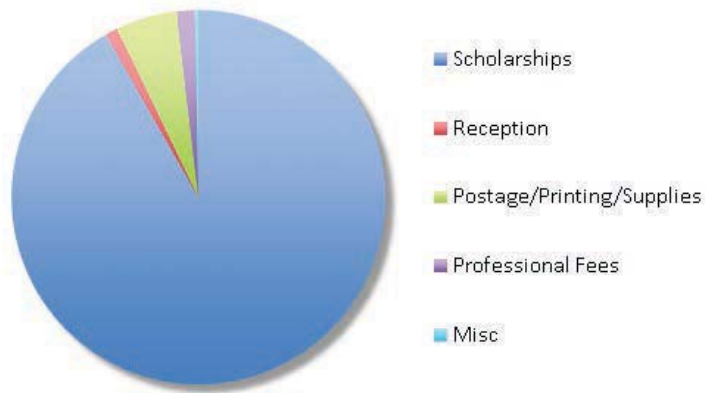


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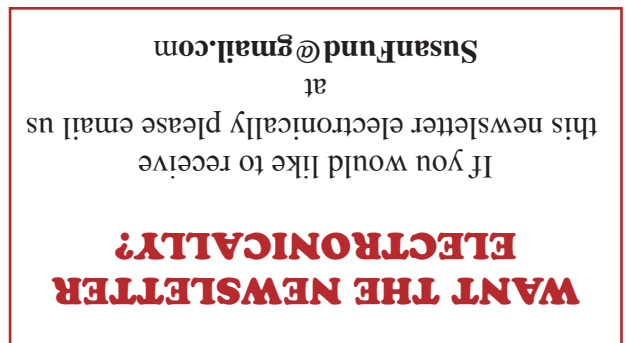
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