

Newsletter - Fall 2015

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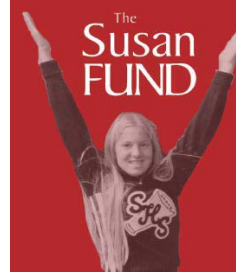
Standing - Left to Right: Thomas Cole, Cordelia Scudder, Amanda Chin, Heather Stabinsky, James Zarifis, Aaron Gaberman, Marc Friedman, Morgan Galdenzi, Logan Barer, Katie Lovallo, Peter Symochko, Maddie Erhardt, Joe Caruso, Jacqueline Walter

Seated - Left to Right: Nicole Graham, Carter Nordman, Jasmine Patterson, Kendyl Nethercott, Melissa Figueroa, Amanda Gonzalez, Brittany DeNigris, Logan Howard.

Missing: Morgan Gulliver, Julie Goodfriend and Emma Rhoads

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The Susan Fund Reception

The 34th Annual Susan Fund Awards Ceremony was held on June 28th at The Center for Survivorship in Southport. Twenty five Fairfield County cancer survivors were awarded scholarships. Jeff Keith, the director of The Center and one of the first Susan Fund Scholarship recipients, welcomed the students and their families, The Susan Fund Board members and invited guests.

Jeff reflected on his cancer experience and how The Susan Fund scholarship impacted his life. Several years ago, he changed careers and founded The Center for Survivorship, a facility whose mission is “to empower cancer survivors to live healthier, happier and longer lives.” The Center is the first standalone survivorship facility in the country; it emphasizes exercise and nutrition as the key ingredients to a healthy lifestyle.



Ann Lloyd

Jeff Keith



Kathy DiGiovanna

Jeff introduced Ann Lloyd, the president of The Susan Fund, and presented a \$25, 000 contribution from The Center to The Susan Fund, which Ann founded in memory of her daughter, Susan Davis Lloyd. Susan’s dream was to attend Colgate University. Although that aspiration never became a reality, throughout the 34 years of The Fund’s existence, Susan’s dream has remained alive for other cancer survivors

Will Lloyd, Susan’s brother, also spoke of Susan and recalled her humor and the secret language that he could never understand. His description of his sister and her courage during her illness conveyed an understanding as to why this Fund is important to all of the recipients.



Aaron Gaberman

Aaron Gaberman, a three-time Susan Fund Scholar, an Ambassador for the Center For Survivorship and a past speaker at the CT Challenge, added to the spirit of the reception with his violin solo, Ashokan Farewell, composed by Jay Ungar.

Marc Friedman, a six-time Susan Fund scholar, spoke as a graduating recipient. He thanked The Board for being at his side throughout his undergraduate and graduate school years.

The awards were presented by Board member Kathleen DiGiovanna. The recipients were honored for the strength, determination and resilience they demonstrated as they coped with cancer. Cancer never stopped them from living life fully and achieving their goals.

The Susan Fund Team Bikes the CT Challenge

Reflections by Will Lloyd

The day began with the release of monarch butterflies and ended with a live show by Blues Traveler. Between these two events, the team's riders completed either 25 or 50 mile rides through Fairfield County. Three members of The Susan Fund team, David Lloyd, Joe Quinn and Jen Williams were first-time participants in the ride; all three committed to ride next year. Nina Levine and Will Lloyd, veterans of the CT Challenge, rounded out our team. It was a gorgeous day for a ride, and the hills seemed much less daunting when we remembered the people we were supporting. This year, The Susan Fund's five riders contributed over \$5,000.



Joe, David, Ann, Will, Nina and Jen



The CT Challenge has raised over \$2.1 million to support cancer survivors. It has been a long-time supporter of The Susan Fund and this year donated \$25,000.

Matt Garnett is a Board member who rode in the CT Challenge. He is shown with his mother, Dona. Both are cancer survivors.



Will and his wife Jen.

A Unique Program For Susan Fund Recipients

The Center for Survivorship created a special program for Susan Fund scholarship recipients. It was presented to them at the reception and is designed to promote good health through proper nutrition and exercise. When they are home they can:

- Participate in 10 complementary personal training sessions with an ACSM/ACS Certified Cancer Exercise Trainer
- Meet with the nutritionist for five sessions
- Have unlimited access to the Center's classes which include yoga, Pilates, indoor cycling, TRX, meditation and strength training as well as to the cardio equipment
- Visit the library, the meditation and healing garden.
- Sign up for one-on-one personal training and nutrition counseling packages at discounted rates

When they are at school, the students are given customized 30 minute express workouts and can check in with their trainer. Our thanks to the Center for Survivorship for providing this unique opportunity for The Susan Fund scholars.



Brittany De Nigris



Brittany and her father, Fred De Nigris

Two-time scholarship recipient Brittany De Nigris has dazzled The Susan Fund Board with her many artistic talents. This year, Brittany riveted us with her story of working with men who are on death row at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville, TN. Eleven of these inmates have designed and created their own death-monuments and anti-monuments which appeared in an exhibition called “Life After Death and Elsewhere,” that opened on September 9th at APEX Arts in Manhattan. Shown in tandem with these works was a video piece created by Brittany and fellow MFA candidate Moses Williams, which explored the act of storytelling, creating meaning through place and metaphor. Underlying themes examine our current system of punishment.

As Brittany explained, “Visiting death row inmates in a maximum security prison is not an easy experience to describe. The entire thing still feels oddly surreal. I went in knowing very little about what to expect, I knew nothing about what prison life is like, how these men came to be there, or how they would react to my presence. I went in only knowing that I wanted to help facilitate getting their work out into the world, with no way to predict how this visit would make me feel, or equip me to do this work.

I feel almost selfish in drawing comparisons between myself and them. Many of these men have spent years in solitary confinement, have not seen the sky at night or walked on grass in decades and await their sentence. When I was diagnosed with cancer, I felt separate from the world, immobilized, seized by something larger and out of my own control. I spent a lot of time alone, in my bed, at my parent’s home where I grew up and felt the sharpest, deepest, loneliness.

I remember at one point thinking that there are many people out there suffering far worse every day, and that is why I chose to be involved in this project. Although our circumstances are different, everyone feels pain, and this felt like an opportunity to soothe pain, however small.

When I was sick, I thought that I could work my way through it by making art, but I often felt too tired to do much of anything and simply stared at the wall or watched bad television. Now, I think of these men, locked away in prison cells, learning to let themselves be artists as a means of survival. I admire their determination to find a way through what, for many of them, has been a lifetime of sad circumstances. One man saves everyone’s uneaten bread, mixes it with water to form a clay that he uses to sculpt flowers. Another paints himself going on walks with someone he loves in a garden outside of the prison walls. I have many complicated emotions around this project, ranging from fright to satisfaction to impotence. But ultimately, it is teaching me a great deal about our deepest, strongest,



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Spotlighting Past Recipient

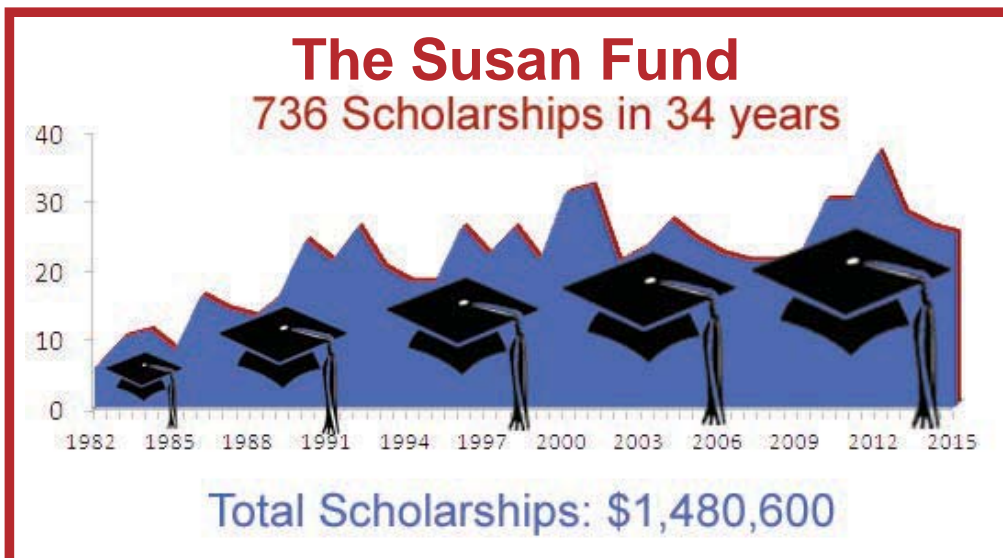
Christine Ercole



In November, 2000, I was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. I had just turned 11 years old and begun my first year of middle school. I was treated for 2½ years at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. During that time, my days were filled with aggressive forms of chemotherapy, spinal taps, bone marrow aspirations, hospital stays, and six hour blood transfusions; you know typical 11 year old kid activities. My cancer diagnosis was the event that precipitated change and insight in my life. Initially, I viewed cancer as an annoyance simply because it interrupted my life. It interfered with me seeing my friends at school, spending the holidays with my family, and just being a normal 11 year old kid. When I completed my treatment, I wanted to distance myself from the whole experience. It’s not that I didn’t want to talk about it; I just never wanted to be the girl defined by cancer or ever play the ‘cancer card.’ But as I grew older, I realized that this was too momentous of an event to ignore.

During my treatment, the nurses were the ones I established the deepest bonds with and the ones I spent the most time with. When there were times I had to go to the hospital three days a week for six hour transfusions, it goes without saying that I got to know the nurses pretty well. They created an extra support system in addition to my family and friends and mitigated the entire experience. This impacted who I am today and influenced my decision to attend the Yale School of Nursing, where I trained to become a psychiatric nurse practitioner. I am forever grateful to The Susan Fund for providing me with the support and assistance to finish my undergraduate and graduate degrees.

My first nursing job was through the Fresh Air Fund, where I worked as one of the camp nurses at their all-boys 9-12 year old camp. The summer consisted of four sessions, serving over 200 boys, which meant we had over 800, nine to twelve year old boys passing through our camp. This was a bit overwhelming at times and quite the way to break into the field of nursing, but it also ignited another passion in me and helped guide my career path. I worked another summer at camp after I completed graduate school and then began my search for a nurse practitioner job working with a similar population. In January, 2015 I began my first job at a foster care agency in the Bronx called Jewish Child Care Association. I am the full-time prescriber there and also conduct multiple psychiatric evaluations weekly. It has been quite the journey, but I am glad my experiences have guided me to this point in my life, serving this population. I am very lucky that I have been able to continue to work for the Fresh Air Fund; I worked weekends at multiple camps this summer as well as off-season weekends in both the fall and spring. When I’m not working, I’m trying to take advantage of living in New York City. I want to thank The Susan Fund for supporting me on this crazy journey and helping others make their way as well.



Samantha Dommermuth

Greetings from Philadelphia! I am a seven-time Susan Fund scholarship recipient as well as a cancer survivor, speech language pathologist, chronic laughter and life enthusiast!

My “cancer history” dates back to 1998 when I was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) at the age of 10. The only cure for CML is a bone marrow transplant, preferably from someone the patient is related to. My very Italian-looking brother and sisters all matched each other perfectly. However, I shared a rare Italian antigen with my father, which made the prospect of receiving bone marrow from a family member extremely unlikely. We turned to the national bone marrow registry and it was there, months later, that we found an 18-year-old biochemistry major at Boston University who was a perfect match.



Samantha and a child she treats.

After a successful transplant, I developed Graft versus Host Disease (GVHD), which happens when your body fights your new bone marrow’s antibodies. Their favorite war zones are your organs, and that’s where they raged for the next three years. After years of various treatments, including receiving TCELLS from a horse and being homeschooled due to a suppressed immune system, my bone marrow and body made peace with each other, and I was able to start a “normal” life again just in time to begin high school.

My relationship with The Susan Fund started 10 years ago. I was a wide-eyed 18-year-old ready for my first year at the University of Connecticut. During the next four years, The Susan Fund and all the amazing individuals on the Board stood by me as I worked my way through various programs and, ultimately, found my niche as a communication science disorders major. I was accepted to Temple University’s Speech Language and Hearing Sciences master’s program and moved to Philadelphia after my graduation from UConn. Again, The Susan Fund was by my side as I worked through my graduate program and ultimately became a Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP).

Currently, I live in Philadelphia’s Chinatown and work at Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children in Delaware as an SLP in outpatient rehabilitation. I love my job. Every child I treat is more amazing than the next. I have come across children who have gone through various cancer treatments, and I’m even playing in an upcoming Philadelphia cornhole tournament with a fellow GVHD patient! Our team will be called “Second Chance” and I can’t think of a more appropriate name. I am so lucky for my second chance and so grateful for the people, like The Susan Fund board members, who have helped me live. I continue living my second chance to the fullest.

Chris Farrington



I graduated from the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA in December 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. I received Susan Fund scholarships in 2001, 2002 and 2003. Presently I live in Newtown and am employed as a Senior Accountant at Nanavaty, Nanavaty, & Davenport, LLP, a regional accounting firm located in my home town. I’ve been with the firm for 11 years.

When I’m not working, I enjoy volunteering for many different organizations. I have been involved with Relay for Life in Newtown and was the chairman of the local event in 2013 and 2014. I am the Vice President of the Alumni Association at Chase Collegiate School in Waterbury. My expertise in finance has led me to become the Treasurer and Senior Deacon at the Newtown Congregational Church and the Treasurer for the Fairfield East Association of the United Church of Christ.

I am so honored to be asked to be spotlighted as a past recipient by The Susan Fund. It enabled me to graduate from college at a difficult and challenging time in my life as I struggled to complete my college education, find a job, and come to terms with my recent cancer diagnosis and treatment. It is such a pleasure to see that The Fund continues to support cancer survivors in Fairfield County.

Spotlighting Past Recipient

Christine Canapetti, RN

My Amazing First Descents Experience

In 2010, when I first came to The Susan Fund, I was extremely nervous. During my interview, I was met by the kindest Board members who put me at ease. I was asked if I wanted to participate in The CT Challenge bike ride. I hadn't been on a bike for about five years but I agreed anyway. I am so happy that I did. That year I rode 25 miles. I had nine year olds passing me on the route and was probably one of the slowest riders. With the help of a fellow participant we completed The Challenge and had fun along the way.



This year, I received an e-mail from Ann Lloyd asking if I wanted to participate in an adventure trip sponsored by First Descents and The CT Challenge. I am so glad that I accepted! The options were surfing, whitewater kayaking, ice

climbing or rock climbing. I dove head first into whitewater kayaking in Missoula, Montana. I expected it to be easy for cancer survivors, but it was an incredible challenge and an amazing accomplishment. I left every day with my arms and shoulders a little more sore, but also a little stronger. The staff was amazing. They were energetic, fun and understanding. They were constantly helping us along the way. I made life-long connections with participants and staff.



I am extremely proud of myself for accepting the challenge and rising up to it time and time again. Thank you Susan Fund and The CT Challenge for helping me achieve my dreams and then some. What a once in a lifetime experience!

About First Descents: An Experiential Retreat

The CT Challenge has partnered with First Descents, a non-profit organization, to provide rejuvenating week-long adventure camp experiences for young adult cancer survivors. Participating in these programs helps them recover and reconnect with all that keeps them strong. The goal is to build self-esteem and shatter the illusion that they are fragile. Christine's story vividly illustrates how powerful this experience was for her.

For more information visit ctchallenge.org.

2015 Scholarship Recipients



Logan Barer
Easton, CT
Ithaca College

This is Logan's third Susan Fund scholarship. He aspires to be a professional baseball player, broadcaster or coach. This year a knee injury put Logan on the disabled list for Ithaca's baseball team, but he remained active supporting his teammates. He also participated in Ithaca's Relay for Life. This was

Logan's 5th relay. He was an assistant coach for a 15-and-under baseball team and was the head coach for a 13-and-under team. He recently started writing for an online NY Mets website.



Joseph Caruso
Trumbull, CT
Fairfield University

This is Joe's fourth Susan Fund scholarship. He graduated in 2013 from Roger Williams University. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Finance at Fairfield University while working full-time in Finance for a local corporation. Joe's long-term goal is to manage a Financial Planning and Analysis Department. He continues to enjoy volunteering

each year at Family Day for the Tommy Fund and has spoken at the CT State Legislature advocating for a pediatric cancer program at Yale Hospital.



Amanda Chin
New Canaan, CT
Villanova University

Amanda is a senior at Villanova and will graduate in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with a specialization in Public Relations/Journalism and a minor in Political Science. This fall, she began working on a Capstone Communication senior project. Amanda will be the sole Chair for Relay for Life and will serve as Vice President for her sorority, Chi

Omega. This is Amanda's fourth Susan Fund scholarship.



Thomas Cole
Trumbull, CT
University of CT – Stamford

This is Tom's first Susan Fund Scholarship. He describes himself as always having an interest in politics and aspires to hold an elected position in the Federal government. While in high school, Tom participated in Mock Trial. He would like to volunteer to work on a political campaign in the upcoming election. This past summer Tom worked for the

Bridgeport Parks and Recreation Commission and established his own business fixing computers.



Brittany DeNigris
Bethel, CT
Carnegie-Mellon University

This is Brittany's second Susan Fund scholarship. She is a sophomore working towards her MFA degree. This past summer, she was involved in a project at a Nashville prison focusing on a group of men who described how they came to be incarcerated. Brittany is also organizing her own radio show and is

working with a community group in her college neighborhood to bring the arts to the local area.



Madison Erhardt
Sandy Hook, CT
University of Tampa

Maddie is a sophomore majoring in English and minoring in Communications. She would like to work in the non-profit sector where she can use her life skills to help people in need. Maddie's volunteer work reflects this passion. She participated in Group Work Camps helping build a ramp for an elderly woman. This past summer she

interned with The Make-A-Wish Foundation working on their 30th anniversary celebration. This is her second Susan Fund scholarship.



Melissa Figueroa
Stratford, CT
Southern New Hampshire University

Melissa is a returning Susan Fund recipient. She received her RN degree in 2012 and is now studying for her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Melissa has had a great deal of experience working as a nurse in various settings. She is presently employed by an oncology office. She

enjoys this job because it is in a field about which she is passionate. Melissa also finds time to volunteer at her daughter's school.



Marc Friedman
Monroe, CT
UConn Storrs

This is Marc's seventh time as a Susan Fund recipient. He will complete his BSN/Bachelor of Science in Nursing in December. He hopes to work in the field for several years and then continue his education by obtaining an advanced nursing degree or an MBA in health care. Marc has had extensive nursing experience this past year working

at the VA Hospital in West Haven, at a Meriden nursing home rehabilitation facility, as well as on a maternity/pediatrics floor.

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Aaron Gaberman
Wilton, CT
Marist College

Aaron is a junior, majoring in Sports Communication and minoring in Global Studies. His career goal is to work in the field of sports management. Aaron has made Dean's list and has been elected to the National Society of Leadership and Success. He has also served as the Young Adult Ambassador for The Center for Survivorship, worked with Al's Angels Children's Charity and is

on the executive board for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. This is Aaron's third Susan Fund Scholarship.



Morgan Galdenzi
Fairfield, CT
James Madison University

Morgan is a graduate of Fairfield Ludlowe High School and a first-time Susan Fund Scholarship recipient. Her goals are to earn high grades at James Madison, attend a good law school and practice law. In high school she was the senior captain of the varsity cheerleading squad, was a Ludlowe Leader and an assistant instructor at the Wakeman Boys and Girls Club. Morgan has volunteered for Make-A-

Wish and was the captain of her school's Relay For Life team.



Amanda Gonzalez
New Fairfield, CT
Pace University

Amanda is a three-time Susan Fund recipient. She is in her junior year and is majoring in psychology. Amanda is a member of Psi Chi, the Psychology National Honor Society, and is involved with the Psychology Club, Aspire, and Colleges Against Cancer. Amanda has had two internships - one at Hope's Door, which helps women and their children who have been domestically

abused, and a second at Ready to Empower, helping women from poor communities.



Julie Goodfriend
Greenwich, CT
Middlebury College

Julie is a junior at Middlebury where she is majoring in Neuroscience. This past summer, she participated in an intensive four week program at Dartmouth called the Tuck Bridge Business program. She also shadowed her doctor at Sloan Kettering. Julie continues to mentor elementary school students during the school year through her involvement

in the Community Friends program at Middlebury. She is a three-time Susan Fund recipient.



Nicole Graham
Old Greenwich, CT
Dartmouth College

Nicole is a sophomore working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is fascinated by marketing and how communication and cognition intersect. This past summer she was a marketing assistant for a clothing company. During the school year she worked 10 hours a week in the alumni relations office. Nicole's volunteer experience included serving as team

captain and media chair for Swim Across America - Greenwich Stamford event.



Morgan Gulliver
Stamford, CT
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

This is Morgan's fourth Susan Fund scholarship. She is in her senior year at MIT. During the summer she interned at Northrop Grumman in Los Angeles where she was part of a testing group for the James Webb space telescope. Morgan will graduate in May with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and hopes to develop

innovative products that will help benefit people of all ages.



Logan Howard
Fairfield, CT
University of New Hampshire: Durham

Logan is in his sophomore year at UNH's Paul College of Business & Economics Finance. After he graduates, his goal is to gain experience working for a mid-to-large-size company. He would like to become the head of a Financial Department in a large corporation. Logan enjoys playing many sports including soccer, football and basketball. His volunteer work

includes participating in the Appalachian Service Project repairing homes and at Operation Hope, a local shelter.



Katherine Lovallo
Shelton, CT
University of New Haven

This is Katie's fourth Susan Fund scholarship. She will be graduating next year with a Bachelor's Degree in International Security, Global Studies and Political Science. Katie is applying to law school with the ultimate goal of becoming a prosecutor. Last winter, Katie took an international business law course in London and interned in the state attorney's office. Katie is an active

volunteer, participating in the CT Challenge and New Haven Reads, where she reads with and tutors a child on a weekly basis.

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Kendyl Nethercott
Greenwich, CT
Manhattanville College

Kendyl graduated from Greenwich High School and is a first-time Susan Fund scholarship recipient. She is majoring in Elementary Education and Studio Art; her career goal is to become an elementary school teacher. Kendyl volunteers for Art from the Heart, which creates room makeovers for children with cancer. She serves as an ambassador for the Make-A-Wish annual ball in Greenwich and volunteers at a local nursing home. Kendyl is an avid golfer and will be a member of Manhattanville's golf team.



Carter Nordman
Newtown, CT
Roger Williams University

First-time Susan Fund recipient Carter graduated from Newtown High School. His goal is to earn an MA or MBA in digital marketing/graphic design. During the past year, Carter volunteered two afternoons a week for his high school's REACH program, which mentors children from the second through eighth grades. Last summer he worked at Golf Quest in Brookfield.



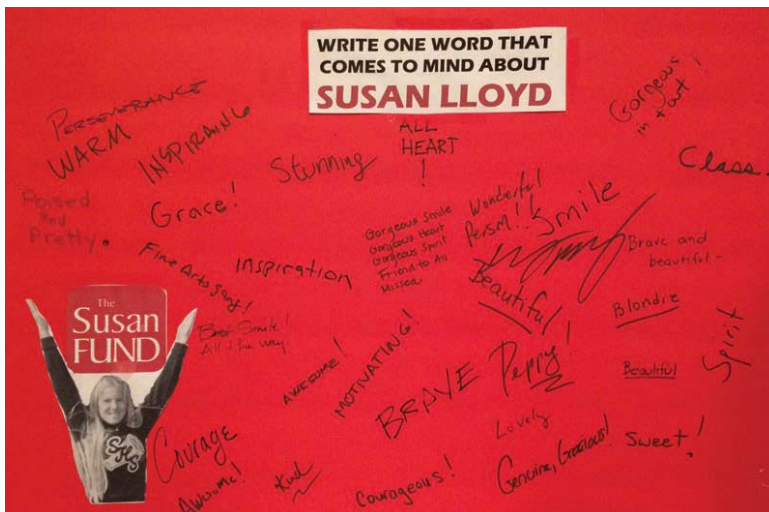
Jasmine Patterson
Norwalk, CT
University of Bridgeport

Jasmine is a three-time Susan Fund scholarship recipient. Her career goal is to become a graphic or web page designer once she obtains her BFA degree in Graphic Design. Jasmine continues her volunteer work with the Youth Council at The Union Baptist Church, as well as participating in UB's Martin Luther King Day event. Jasmine is also a member of the Purple Light charity, which raises money for breast cancer awareness.



Emma Rhoads
Westport, CT
Parsons The New School for Design

This is Emma's second Susan Fund Scholarship award. She is in her sophomore year at Parsons where she is focusing on fashion design. Through her school, she has worked as a stylist during Market Week. Emma is the founder of Club Gold, which raises money for toys, books and movies for children who are receiving treatment for cancer. This summer Emma attended school in Verona, Italy where she studied language and literature.



One Word That Comes to Mind About Susan

In July, the Staples High School Class of 1980 held a mini-reunion at Compo Beach. While there, Susan's classmates were asked to write one word that described Susan. See the answers to the left!

These same words also describe the recipients of scholarships from The Susan Fund.

Some of the words written:

Perserverance, Warm, Inspiring, All Heart, Spirit, Peppy, Genuine, Gracious, Motivating, Brave, Courageous, Awesome.

Thank you!

The Susan Fund would like to thank all the class of 1980 alumni that continue to support The Susan Fund.

2015 Scholarship Recipients



Cordelia Scudder
Bridgeport, CT
Sacred Heart University

Cordelia is working towards an Associate's degree in Early Childhood/Special Education. She plans to continue her education by obtaining a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Social Work. Cordelia has worked in the substance abuse field for 22 years and feels this background, along with her education,

will enable her to help individuals from underserved communities to reach their potential. This is Cordelia's first Susan Fund scholarship.



Heather Stabinsky
Monroe, CT
Quinnipiac University

Heather is a graduate of Masuk High School and a first-time Susan Fund recipient. For Capstone, her high school graduation project, Heather was involved at The Center for Survivorship participating in 20 hours of yoga/meditation classes. This past summer, she went to Disney World with her family for her Make-A-

Wish trip. Heather will major in Biology at Quinnipiac and plans to obtain her MD and PhD degrees with a focus on surgery or genetics.



Peter Symochko
Monroe, CT
UConn - Storrs

Peter has completed his first year of an intensive four-year Doctor of Pharmacy program at UConn. He has earned the university distinction of being an Honors Scholar in this demanding program. This past winter, Peter worked 120 hours at Walgreens Pharmacy. This experience helped him realize that he would like to work in a retail pharmacy upon graduation

from his doctorate program. This is Peter's fourth Susan Fund scholarship.



Jacqueline Walter
Old Greenwich, CT
University of Denver

Jackie completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Vermont and is pursuing a Masters in Social Work at the University of Denver. Her goal is to become a medical social worker and work with pediatric patients in a hospital setting or provide clinical services to pediatric patients and their families. Jackie has been a pre-school teacher for three

years and has volunteered at Mass General Hospital in Boston in the pediatric department.



James Zarifis
Newtown, CT
Southern Connecticut State University

Jimmy is a seven-time recipient of The Susan Fund. He received a Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and is completing his Masters in Sport Management. Jimmy is an ever-present force on campus. He worked 20 hours a week as a graduate assistant in the Recreation and Leisure Studies department at SCSU. He is also a regular volunteer at Camp

Rising Sun, a place where kids who have cancer go to have fun. Jimmy also contributed his expertise in helping the camp improve its website.

For the latest news about The Susan Fund
visit our web site updated by MadisonMott.

TheSusanFund.org

The Susan Fund Presents the Second Annual “Troupe du Jour” Fundraiser

Saturday, January 9, 2016 5:00 - 7:00PM
Saugatuck Congregational Church, 245 Post Road East, Westport

**An evening of zany,
unpredictable fun!**

All tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the door.

E-mail susanfund@gmail.com by January 7th if you would like to reserve tickets ahead of time.

The highly acclaimed improv and comedy troupe, “Troupe du Jour,” will perform on Saturday, January 9th at the Second Annual Susan Fund Scholarship Comedy Fundraiser.

Logan Barer, a Susan Fund recipient and member of the Troupe, brought the idea for the fundraiser to the Board last year. The event was a tremendous success. Everyone who attended was delighted with the troupe’s creativity and comedic timing.



“Troupe de Jour” has been performing in Fairfield County and New York for the past eight years under the directorial guidance of Diane Canova and has raised funds for many charities. We are delighted they are returning. Once again, Logan will perform and serve as the emcee. We hope you’ll join us for an evening of laughs; it is guaranteed to shake off the winter blues. You never know what you’ll see; after all, it’s improv!

In Memoriam

Warren Wilson of Westport, a long-time Susan Fund supporter, passed away on February 6, 2015. Warren knew of Susan’s valiant fight and was so moved that, when she died, he gave a \$10,000 check in her memory. That money was the key to the start of The Susan Fund.

How To Become a Susan Fund Recipient

All applicants must:

- Be current residents of Fairfield County.
- Have been diagnosed with cancer at some time in one's life.
- Be attending or planning on attending an accredited post high school institution of higher learning.

Applications are available online and must be received by April 1, 2016.

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www.Facebook.com/pages/The-Susan-Fund/.



Like us to get notifications and updates. Join us to see the pictures posted of the reception and CT Challenge.

Get to know what people are saying about The Susan Fund. Share your memories of Susan or The Fund or connect with an old friend.

Ways to Support The Susan Fund

- **With a check - mailed to 8 Hilly Field Lane, Westport CT 06880**
- **Online at TheSusanFund.org**
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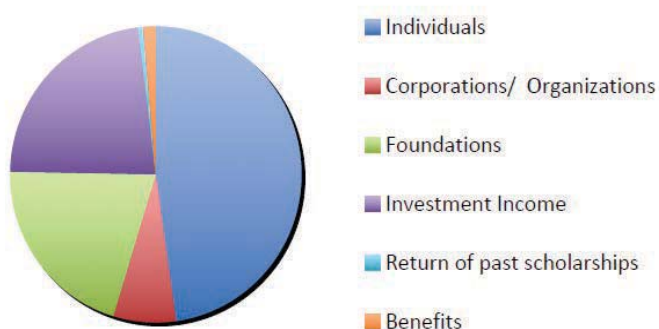
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Goodshop.com - Shop at one of their more than 2,800 participating stores (from Amazon to Zazzle) and a percentage of what you spend will be donated to The Susan Fund at no cost to you.

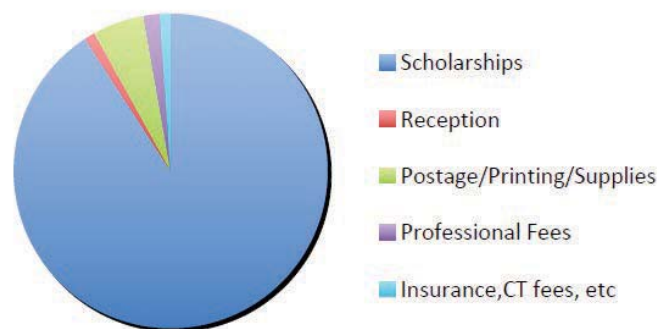
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Where our money goes



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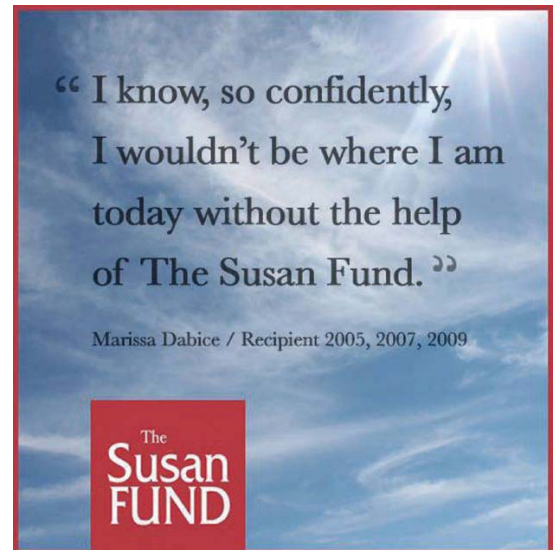
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