

Newsletter - Fall 2014



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scholarships
to
Fairfield
County
students
diagnosed
with cancer*

Recipients (left to right)

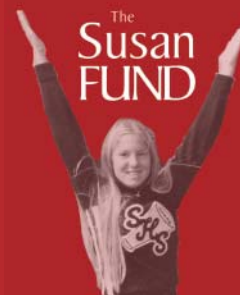
Standing: Nicole Graham, Emma Rhoads, Amanda Gonzales, Aaron Gaberman, Michael Carneiro, Sarah Boll, Nathan Greenberg, Katherine Lovallo, Logan Barer, Peter Symochko, Marc Friedman

Seated: Jasmine Patterson, Monica Jesby, Brooke Lorenz, Christine Canapetti, Ann Lloyd - Chair, Logan Howard, Jessica Ellison, Jasmyn Gooden, Jim Zarifis, Brittany DeNigris

Not Pictured: Patrick Aylward, Amanda Chin, Madison Erhardt, Michael Francia, Julie Goodfriend, Morgan Gulliver

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The Susan Fund Reception

The 2014 Susan Fund Scholarship Reception honored 26 college students who have all coped with the diagnosis of cancer. They represent 18 towns in Fairfield County. The Center for Survivorship in Southport hosted the awards ceremony for the second year. Jeff Keith, co-founder of the Center, welcomed the recipients, families and guests. He stated, “We are proud to support The Susan Fund scholarship recipients by giving them a free membership to the Center.” Ann Lloyd, Chair of the Fund, spoke about its growth. It was established in 1982; that year there were six scholarship recipients who received a total of \$3,000. To date, The Fund has awarded more than seven hundred scholarships totaling over \$1,400,000.

Speakers at the Reception



David Lloyd



Brooke Lorenz



Christina Carpanzano

This year’s reception featured two speakers and a singing performance by four-time scholarship recipient, Christina Carpanzano. She began the program with “The Physician” from the Cole Porter musical *Nymph Errant*. Her song set the stage for David Lloyd, Susan’s brother, who spoke about his memories of Susan. He reflected, “I always looked up to Susan. She was energetic, fearless and had a zest for life. Adversity doesn’t build character, rather it reveals character. Susan inspired us all.” The final speaker is a four-time Susan Fund Recipient, Brooke Lorenz. Brooke had prepared a speech. After listening to David, she spoke from her heart about her cancer experience in a very honest and touching way. Her illness was recent and her memories of her reactions to the diagnosis and the treatments were vivid. Brooke said that finding The Susan Fund helped her get through the trauma of the cancer. Being a Susan Fund recipient gave her the hope to go on with her life and her education.

The Susan Fund respects the courage of its recipients and honors these students as heroic examples of strength and vision. The awards reception reaffirms that The Susan Fund is the living testament of the legacy of the life of Susan Davis Lloyd in whose memory The Fund was created.

Ashlee Moskwa

Ashlee contacted The Susan Fund through our Facebook page. She shared the following information and reflections about her life over the past few years. “After graduating from Simmons College with a second degree in Nursing in 2008, I moved 3,300 miles from Boston to Seattle to fulfill my dream of becoming a pediatric oncology nurse. I spent an amazing three years at Seattle Children’s Hospital before moving two years ago. I am presently working at The Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago on the pediatric hematology/oncology/stem cell transplant unit. I love what I do and am grateful for my experience as both a cancer patient and a survivor.



This photo of Ashlee with a little boy received an award from the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses this past year.

This past summer was my twelfth year at The Hole In the Wall Gang Camp in Connecticut. I returned as a volunteer staff nurse for the camp’s outdoor adventure program for adolescents with life-threatening illnesses such as cancer, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia and HIV. During the past four years I have become increasingly involved in FIRST DESCENTS, a non-profit organization that provides young adult cancer fighters and survivors a free outdoor adventure experience through rock climbing, kayaking and surfing. Although I began my work as a medical volunteer, two summers ago I was hired as Lead Staff. Since then I have had the incredible opportunity to lead programs all over the country, most notably climbing in the mountains in upstate New York, surfing in the Outer Banks of North Carolina and white water kayaking on the rivers of Montana.

I continue to cherish the support provided by The Susan Fund over the years. I feel blessed to be able to use my education to ‘pay-it-forward’ to future generations of young adult cancer patients and survivors. Thank you for your continued dedication to the fight. I am forever grateful.”

Christina Carpanzano



Christina graduated in May 2013 with a Bachelor’s degree in Musical Theatre from Manhattanville College. She is four-time recipient of Susan Fund scholarships and sang at the 2013 and 2014 receptions. After graduation, Christina spent a week performing in Disney World with Manhattanville Sound, the college’s all-female acapella group. She wrote, “It gave me a little taste of what it feels like to be a professional performer. It was incredible.” She then went on to complete an intensive training with Mastering the Audition. There she studied audition technique, acting and movement through song and had the opportunity to audition for casting director Liz Ortiz-Mackes. Christina has been asked to join Mastering the Audition when it becomes a theatre company in the near future.

Christina is working at Lord & Taylor and auditioning in New York City on her days off applying for parts as an extra in television and movies. She reflected, “If it has anything to do with performing, I want to be a part of it. I am excited to finally start working towards fulfilling my goal. I can’t thank The Susan Fund enough for generously giving me the opportunity to pursue my dream.”

Brandon Held

Brandon Held was a Susan Fund recipient from 2007-2011. During that time, he attended the University of Connecticut's School of Business in Storrs. Brandon graduated in May of 2011 with an Accounting major and a Communications minor. He took on numerous leadership roles within his fraternity.

Upon graduation, Brandon began his postgraduate life as a member of the Risk Management team in the Operations department of Bridgewater, the Westport-based hedge fund. He later requested a move from that team to increase his breadth of knowledge within the department. Brandon then went on to work on the Collateral Management team in Bridgewater's Dedicated Middle Office following the Bank of New York Mellon's agreement with the hedge fund to assist the Operations department with its day-to-day procedures.



In November 2013, Brandon's leukemia relapsed nearly 10 years after being in remission. After again receiving chemotherapy in the Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven and further treatment at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, Brandon achieved full remission in April of 2014 following a bone marrow transplant.

Presently, Brandon is doing extremely well. His doctors are very pleased and even a bit surprised by his quick rate of recovery. Physically, Brandon has begun light training to rekindle his passion for running and plans to complete his third full marathon in 2015. He is also anxiously awaiting the strengthening of his immune system as he looks forward to returning to work at Bridgewater's Dedicated Middle Office early in 2015. One of Brandon's future ambitions is to be an inspirational public speaker and share his experiences with cancer with those who want to accomplish their goals and keep a positive mindset.

Marnie Smith

Marnie Smith is a 2014 graduate of UMASS Dartmouth, where she studied weaving and textile design. This past summer she was awarded an internship at Plimoth Plantation, located in Plymouth, MA. The plantation recreates the original settlement of Plymouth colony, which was established in the 17th century. Marnie has always been fascinated by that historic site and has wanted to work there from the time she was young. She interned as an artisan weaver and was so successful that she was hired to work full-time at the plantation beginning in September.



Marnie is a three-time Susan Fund scholarship recipient. She noted, "Receiving The Susan Fund scholarships enabled me to graduate from UMASS debt-free. I could accept an unpaid internship because I didn't have financial pressure. I will be forever grateful for The Fund's support and encouragement."

Nina Levine: A Special Susan Fund Volunteer

Nina Levine has known Ann Lloyd since she was five years old. That was the year she and her family moved into their home in Westport. Fast forward to 2013. Nina is working as a research assistant in the field of psychiatry and her father, Dr. Stewart Levine, is a member of The Susan Fund Board of Directors. Knowing that his daughter is a passionate baker, he volunteers Nina to bake cupcakes for the Susan Fund Reception. Nina noted, "Attending that reception and hearing the recipients' stories struck a chord within me. I signed up to ride 50 miles in The CT Challenge Bike race which was an amazing experience."



This was just the beginning of Nina's journey. "I had initially thought of The Susan Fund reception as just another Sunday afternoon. However, hearing people my age and younger share their personal battles with cancer made me feel that there was more to be done than just bake cupcakes and cookies. I felt I could make more of an impact by heightening awareness of such a unique, life-changing organization. Nina organized a Zumbathon which was held on November 17, 2013. She donated the \$1,600 which the event raised to The Center for Survivorship requesting that they create a brick which honors The Susan Fund on The Meditation Garden Path.



This year Nina continued to bake for the 2014 Susan Fund Scholarship reception creating cookies which honored The Susan Fund and The CT Challenge Bike Ride. In July she not only rode 50 miles but, with the help of her family, baked 230 CT Challenge cookies which she sold the day of the ride. She was able to donate \$353 to The Center. Nina is in the process of planning another Zumbathon for November 23, 2014. People who are interested in participating can contact Nina at ninavlevine@gmail.com. She wrote, "If I can wrap up my experience in one sentence it would be that attending the 2013 reception changed my life. It gave me a fresh look on what raising money and awareness are really about. I hope to continue to do that for both The CT Challenge and The Susan Fund."



Westport Sunrise Rotary (of which Ann Lloyd is a member) are supporters of The Susan Fund. They sponsor an annual duck race. Part of that event is submission of decorated ducks. This year Nina volunteered to create a duck and enter it.

In Memoriam

The Board of The Susan Fund wishes to acknowledge the passing of:

Andrew Accardi, who passed away on October 31, 2013 after a 15 year battle with cancer. He attended Villanova University and was a Susan Fund scholarship recipient. Andrew inspired the creation of Andrew's Army, a charitable organization that raises funds through its annual golf outing to support Neuroblastoma research at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Kerri Holbrook, who passed away on September 21, 2014, was the recipient of four Susan Fund scholarships. She graduated cum laude this May from Villanova University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and was inducted into the Lambda Pi Eta National Communications Honor Society. Kerri lived her life with a resiliency that will forever inspire all those who knew her.

Support Group Forming in January 2015 for Parents of Susan Fund Scholarship Recipients

During this year's reception, Board member and Clinical Social Worker Susan Baron found herself talking to the parents of many of the scholarship recipients. She was struck by the fact that, no matter where their children were in their treatment or recovery, they expressed a sense of isolation. Just as their children connect with Susan Fund recipients, they needed to speak with other parents who understood what they had experienced.

In response to this experience, Susan will facilitate a support group that is open to the parents of The Susan Fund scholarship recipients past and present. It will meet once a month; there will not be a charge for the group. The group will meet from 7:30 – 9:00 pm on one evening a month and will be held on the St. Vincent's Westport campus. If there is interest, a daytime group will also be offered. Dates and location will be determined based on the response. Those who are interested should contact Susan by December 10th at swbaron@optonline.net or call 203.502.1629.

Exciting Changes for The Susan Fund Image

In 2015 The Susan Fund web site and marketing materials will have a new look. This is due to an exciting partnership between The Fund and Westport-based MadisonMott. The firm describes itself as a "Branding, Advertising, Digital and Social Media agency." It focuses on everything from strategic rebranding to the design and development of dynamic digital platforms and all the social media, print design, advertising and technology solutions in between. They state, "We are thinkers. We are designers. We are writers. We understand technology."

Several months ago, Board member Matt Garnett reached out to Luke Scott, a college friend from Bucknell University, and co-owner of MadisonMott, for advice on how to begin to bring The Susan Fund's web presence into the 21st century. Luke shared with Matt that MadisonMott was searching for a local organization which needed their expertise. It is part of their mission to give back to the community and they had been looking for a good fit. An exciting partnership was formed. At the present time, MadisonMott's assistant project manager, Julia Pitts, reports that they are completing their work on the design and coding the website. Be certain to visit TheSusanFund.org, early in 2015 to view the finished product.

SAVE THE DATE

The Susan Fund presents Troupe du Jour
An evening of zany, unpredictable fun with an improvisational troupe!

Friday, December 5, 2014
Doors open at 6:30pm, Show begins at 7:00pm
Seabury Center, 45 Church Lane, Westport, CT

Tickets \$20 can be purchased at the door.
Please email susanfund@gmail.com by December 4th if you would like to reserve tickets ahead of time.



Aaron Gaberman Meets Robin Roberts at The Center for Survivorship

In May, Robin Roberts, co-host of *Good Morning America*, visited The Center for Survivorship. Aaron Gaberman, a two-time Susan Fund Scholarship recipient, was chosen to appear in a segment of that show. He reflected, “It was a very exciting day at the Center for Survivorship with Robin Roberts and the *Good Morning America* crew. I was honored to be a part of it. I enjoyed meeting Robin; she made it very easy to talk with her since she is a cancer survivor herself and has shared her own battle. She is a remarkable woman who is open and encouraging to others. I felt very comfortable telling her the story of my journey and how The Center staff has helped me in rebuilding my body. There will always be a special connection between Robin and me and other cancer survivors as we continue to live our lives to the fullest every day.” Teri Gaberman, Aaron’s mother said, “Robin brought me to tears because she was so embracing of everyone. She got people to talk about their stories and how they persevered. She showed a genuineness and kindness. Robin inspired us with her statement, “We’re not only surviving; we are thriving.”



2014 CT Challenge Bike Ride



It was a perfect weekend for a long bike ride; the sun was shining and the temperature was ideal. More than 1,000 riders participated in the 10th Annual CT Challenge, which took place during the last weekend in July. The Susan Fund fielded two teams. The first included Will Lloyd, Arlo and Susan Ellison, Jasmine Patterson, Nina Levine and Joe Quinn. The second was made up of Matt Garnett and his father, Alex. Board members Ann Lloyd and Stewart Levine served as volunteers. Olga Canapetti, mother of scholarship recipient, Chrissy, raised money and photographed the race, as she has done for several

years. In addition to riding 50 miles, Nina Levine baked and custom-decorated cookies to commemorate the day.



The bike ride inspired all those who were in attendance.

It began with speeches by Bobby Valentine, former baseball player manager and current athletic director at Sacred Heart University, and Maya Oberstein, an 11 year old cancer survivor. This was followed by The Survivor’s parade and launching of 300 Monarch butterflies. Will Lloyd noted, “Thinking back to the opening ceremony and remembering what we were riding for made the hills a bit less painful to climb!” Susan Fund scholarship recipient Aaron Gaberman wrote, “The bike ride was AWESOME. It

was great being able to finish the ten mile ride in less time than last year, even after having surgery in January and getting ready to have another in August. It’s invigorating and inspiring. Next year I plan on riding 25 miles.” Nina Levine added, “This bike ride is an experience like no other. Although the ride is quite challenging, there’s one thing that keeps everyone going - the atmosphere created at the beginning of the ride. It’s about a large group of people coming out and being completely selfless.”

Once again, The CT Challenge was a fabulous day. The event raised approximately \$1.8 million and the two Susan Fund teams contributed in excess of \$14,000 to the event.

2014 Scholarship Recipients



Peter Aylward
Norwalk, CT
St. Mary's College of Maryland

Patrick is a three-time Susan Fund scholarship recipient. He continues to be passionate about sailing and has been a bowman for an off-shore sailing team in Maryland. Last May, he completed a regatta held in Annapolis. As a Political Science major, Patrick enjoys studying how economics and politics interface. He would like to work in the field of international global economy. His plans for the future are to attend graduate or law school.



Logan Barer
Easton, CT
Ithaca College

This is Logan's second Susan Fund scholarship. Logan's dream is to play professional baseball or to broadcast baseball games. He was the only freshman to pitch for Ithaca and has a 90 mile an hour fast ball. He inspired his team to volunteer at the town's Walk for Cancer. Ithaca has an outstanding college radio station and Logan was able to become a sportscaster. This past summer, he pitched for a collegiate summer team and coached an Easton-Redding baseball team.



Sarah Boll
Norwalk, CT
Columbia University

Sarah is a first-time scholarship recipient and is pursuing a Masters in Social Work at Columbia. As part of her studies, she has worked at New York Presbyterian Hospital in their outpatient radiology center and their pediatric burn unit. Sarah's other field placement was at The Children's Cancer & Blood Foundation, also a part of New York Presbyterian Hospital. By gaining her Masters, Sarah looks forward to helping patients and families learn to cope with the crisis of critical illness.



Christine Canapetti
Trumbull, CT
Southern Connecticut University

This May, Christine will graduate with a Bachelor of Science and an RN degree in Nursing. Her goal is to become a pediatric nurse or a nurse anesthetist and to work at Yale New Haven Hospital. Christine knew she wanted to be a nurse when she was eight years old because of her own medical experiences. Last summer, she completed her class in pediatrics and interned in the NICU and the pediatric clinic. She volunteered at Camp Rising Sun and the Muscular Dystrophy summer camp. This is her fourth Susan Fund scholarship.



Michael Carneiro
New Fairfield, CT
East Carolina University

Mac is a second-time recipient of The Susan Fund scholarship. He is majoring in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Military Science. His goal is to be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Following his service Mac would like to work for the Secret Service. This year Mac received the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency, a foreign award for U.S. enlisted personnel and officers. He served in the Ranger Platoon and volunteered for Greenville's river cleanup. He has also participated in an Appalachian Service Project for several years.



Amanda Chin
New Canaan, CT
Villanova University

Amanda has been on the Dean's List throughout her first two years at Villanova. She is majoring in Communications and plans to specialize in journalism or public relations. She is an active volunteer participating in the Relay for Life, Make-a-Wish Foundation and Habitat for Humanity. Amanda is involved in her sorority and is a member of RUIBAL, a program that focuses on tutoring and mentoring elementary school children from Philadelphia's inner city. This is Amanda's third Susan Fund scholarship.



Brittany DeNigris
Bethel, CT
Carnegie Mellon University

Brittany is pursuing an MFA degree and is a first-time Susan Fund recipient. Her interest in and passion for conceptual art and sculpture inspired her to participate in a three week program called High Arctic, where she sailed around Northern Norway as part of an arts and science expedition to conduct research. She has also co-authored Love in the Time of War, a collection of sonnets with ancient and modern references. Her ultimate goal is to teach art at the college level and inspire others on their own creative path.



Jessica Ellison
Westport, CT
Georgetown University

This is Jessica's second Susan Fund scholarship. Her academic interests include economics, business and business administration. At Georgetown, Jessica is the operations manager at the Alumni and Student Federal Credit Union; she oversees the tellers and manages and balances the fund. Jessica also organized a fundraiser to provide healthcare to impoverished families. This summer, she worked as a teaching assistant in a chemistry class at her former high school.

2014 Scholarship Recipients



Madison Erhardt

Sandy Hook, CT
University of Tampa

Maddie is a first-time recipient of a Susan Fund scholarship and a graduate of Newtown High School. She plans to major in Business. Maddie is a tireless volunteer, supporting such organizations as "Sunflowers for Wishes," which raises money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, participating in a program to help repair homes for the needy in Pennsylvania and being a youth committee member of "Church in the Keva" which provides financial aid for housing and business development opportunities for the less fortunate.



Michael Francia

Norwalk, CT
University of Michigan

This is Michael's third Susan Fund scholarship award. Upon graduation, he is interested in obtaining a position which combines his interest in sales and economics. This summer, he was employed by Northwestern Mutual, where he gained invaluable experience in the business world. Michael has played lacrosse since he was eight years old. He is a member of Michigan's powerful Division One team. He volunteers at The Mott Children's Hospital and has been a featured speaker at several Relay for Life events.



Marc Friedman

Monroe, CT
University of Connecticut

Marc is a six-time Susan Fund recipient. He graduated from Marist College with a BA in Business Administration. Through internships he discovered his passion for nursing. Marc will pursue an accelerated R.N. program at UCONN. He will substitute teach this fall at Masuk High School in Monroe. This past summer, he was a camp counselor at InSports in Trumbull. Marc's career goal is to be a nurse practitioner.



Aaron Gaberman

Weston, CT
Marist College

This is Aaron's second Susan Fund scholarship. He had a successful freshman year at Marist where he earned all A's. Aaron was also one of 200 students from his college who were inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success. His goal is to graduate with a major in Sports Communication and a minor in Business Management. He would like to work for a sports organization in the area of business operations. Last summer he interned for the Connecticut Bluefish Baseball organization where he worked in Baseball Operations and Media Relations.



Amanda Gonzales

New Fairfield, CT
Pace University

Amanda is a second-time scholarship recipient and is entering her sophomore year at Pace University. She is majoring in Psychology. Amanda was selected for the Setters Leadership Program on campus, through which she volunteered helping supervise elementary school students as well as children with disabilities. Amanda is also a member of the Psychology Club, Colleges Against Cancer and ASPIRE, a program in which she shares her experiences with prospective students.



Jasmyn Gooden

Bridgeport, CT
Housatonic Community College

Jasmyn is a senior at Housatonic Community College. In March, she earned her Certified Nursing Aid Certification and works part time at Cambridge Manor in Fairfield. Her career goal is to become a Registered Nurse and to work in pediatrics. This past summer, Jasmyn volunteered at Bridgeport and St. Vincent's hospitals. She also enjoys volunteering with the Bridgeport American Youth Soccer Program. Jasmyn is a three-time Susan Fund recipient.



Julie Goodfriend

Greenwich, CT
Middlebury College

Julie is a second-time recipient of The Susan Fund scholarship and is entering her sophomore year. She describes her first year in college with excitement and humor. She enjoyed the academics as well as being close to skiing areas. Throughout the course of her cancer treatment, Julie discovered a passion for helping children with potentially fatal illnesses. This experience is shaping her career goals. Julie has been involved with Community Friends in which she mentors a grade school student weekly.



Nicole Graham

Old Greenwich, CT
Dartmouth College

Nicole will be a freshman at Dartmouth where she will major in Economics. She is a graduate of Greenwich High School, where she won numerous academic awards based on her 4.8 GPA. She was also the captain of the Field Hockey, Indoor Track and Lacrosse teams. Nicole is an avid volunteer and worked as an intern for the Alliance for Gene Therapy, a non-profit national organization dedicated to providing grants for cell and gene therapy cancer research. This is Nicole's first Susan Fund scholarship.

2014 Scholarship Recipients



Nathan Greenberg

Westport, CT
Union College

Nathan is majoring in Philosophy and Economics and hopes to become an international real estate developer as his father and grandfather have done. Throughout college, he interned for local commercial real estate firms, where he made presentations, drew up leases and evaluated properties. Nathan was captain of Union's lacrosse team. Their fundraiser helped a young girl who was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, the same cancer that Nathan developed. This is Nathan's first Susan Fund scholarship.



Morgan Gulliver

Stamford, CT
MA Institute of Technology

Morgan is in her junior year at MIT and is a three-time Susan Fund scholarship recipient. She is a starter on MIT's field hockey team and has won several awards for her performance. Morgan's goal is to graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and to apply her knowledge working in the medical health and wellness field. Last summer, she interned for Metronics, a corporation which is a world leader in medical device technology and therapies. Morgan was a member of Colleges Against Cancer, Relay for Life and her hockey team's Play for the Cure.



Logan Howard

Fairfield, CT
Univ. of New Hampshire, Durham

Logan is in his first year at UNH where he plans to major in Business and minor in Finance. His internship at The Bigelow Tea Company gave him insight into the world of business. Volunteering has played an important part in Logan's life. He coached a 3rd grade basketball team at Wakeman's Boys and Girls Club, participated in the Appalachian Service Project (ASP), has been a spokesperson for ASP and the Make-A-Wish Foundation and a Leader in Training at the Hole In The Wall Gang Camp. Logan is a graduate of Ludlowe High School. This is his first Susan Fund Scholarship.



Monica Jesby

Fairfield, CT
Iona College

Monica is a senior at Iona College. Her goal is to attend graduate school and become a speech and language pathologist. She has participated in a number of activities including being a member of the rowing team, resident assistant, treasurer of the Speech and Hearing club and working on campus at the speech clinic. Monica has been involved with Habitat for Humanity, the Edmund Rice Society and has worked as a summer camp counselor. This is Monica's first Susan Fund scholarship.



Brooke Lorenz

Riverside, CT
University of Colorado/Boulder

Brooke is a senior and is majoring in Communications. Last winter she studied in London for one semester taking elective courses and traveling. This past summer, she interned at CNN in New York City in their Production Department. Upon graduation, she hopes to work for a New York TV station in their communications department. Brooke has been a spokesperson for Make-A-Wish Foundation; and her Swim Across America team raised over \$30,000. This is Brooke's fourth Susan Fund scholarship.



Katherine Lovallo

Shelton, CT
University of New Haven

This is Katie's third Susan Fund scholarship. At UNH, she is majoring in International Security and Global Studies and minoring in Political Science. Upon graduation, Katie will apply to law school and hopes to become a prosecutor. She would like to become involved with governmental intelligence. This past summer, Katie volunteered for the CT Challenge; handling the honor flags at the end of the race. She had an internship for the Bridgeport State Attorney's office and worked at a day care center.



Jasmine Patterson

Norwalk, CT
University of Bridgeport

Jasmine is two-time recipient of The Susan Fund scholarship. She is entering her sophomore year at the University of Bridgeport where she is obtaining a BFA in Graphic Design. She hopes to become either a graphic or a web page designer. Jasmine is a member of the Union Baptist Church Youth Council, The African Student Alliance and the Purple Light Charity Club which raises money for breast cancer awareness.



Emma Rhoads

Westport, CT
Parsons The New School For Design

Emma is a first-time recipient of The Susan Fund scholarship and a graduate of Staples High School. At Parsons, she will study to become a fashion designer. Emma is the founder and president of the Club Gold, which raises money for toys, books and movies for children who are receiving cancer treatment. She is a member of the Circle of Care Club. Emma is an Advisory Board member and speaker for Reshaping Reality.

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Peter Symochko

Monroe, CT
UCONN Storrs

Peter has completed his pre-pharmacy courses and is enrolled in UCONN's four year Pharmacy program. His cancer diagnosis influenced his career choice; he described researching which medications would be most effective in his treatment. Peter feels that his volunteer work at a hospital pharmacy was one of the most rewarding experiences of his training as it gave him practical insight into his future profession. Peter remains involved with his church and with his Ukrainian Dance group and works part-time at Lord & Taylor.



James Zarifis

Newtown, CT
Southern Conn State University

Jimmy is a six-time recipient of The Susan Fund scholarship. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and is pursuing a Master's degree in the same field. Jimmy is active on campus as an intern in the Athletic Department, President of the Recreation Club, and a volunteer for a Cystic Fibrosis fundraising event. He has been a camp counselor at Camp Rising Sun and maintains his own website, jimbosports.com. This year, Jimmy's triumph over cancer was documented in a student project called *Jimbo's Inspirational Story: iLL (i Live Life)* which can be seen on YouTube.

About Susan Davis Lloyd

The Susan Fund was established 33 years ago in memory of Susan Davis Lloyd. Susan was entering her senior year at Staples High School in Westport, CT and was looking forward to college when she was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma. She fought for her future by opting to have her leg amputated and to have chemotherapy. Throughout her treatment, Susan worked two jobs, participated in extracurricular activities and earned outstanding grades.



Susan was admitted to Colgate University and fought a courageous battle to achieve her dream. Sadly, she was not able to fulfill this dream. Susan's legacy of courage and determination became the basis of The Susan Fund. Her goal of attending college lives on in all the recipients who are part of The Susan Fund scholarship program.

This picture, taken by a nurse at Mass General, is of Susan in 1979 after a shopping trip to buy slacks to conceal her new prosthesis. She was so happy and smiling that day!

Reflections by Board Members

William Lloyd



Will is Susan's oldest brother and the newest member of The Susan Fund Board. He reflected, "Susan was a wonderful, courageous and generous person. I can now see just how much the scholarship recipients capture her spirit. I have always been a supporter of The Fund, be it financially or as a member of The Susan Fund team in the CT Challenge. This is the first year I had the opportunity to participate in a different way - to meet the candidates, hear their stories and learn about their highs and lows. I discovered that everyone has a different way of dealing with cancer. Learning about the recipients first hand has been an amazing experience. Supporting The Susan Fund financially and riding 50 miles in The CT Challenge was great, but being a part of the Board has been incredible and I look forward to serving for many years to come."

Will and his wife Jen live in Westport. They have five children and two grandchildren. He is a Managing Director of TCW, a global asset management firm based in New York City.

Susan Baron



Susan has been on the Board for more than 15 years. She feels that family and friends, work and volunteerism give her the most pleasure in life. She and her husband, Stan, have been married for almost 50 years and are the parents of three sons and have six grandchildren ages 2 to 14. They love spending time with them all, watching them explore the world and discover their talents and interests. Susan is a clinical social worker and co-founder of Touched By Adoption, a Westport-based counseling service. She and her partner provide clinical support and education to families formed by adoption and the professionals who interact with them. Susan noted, "It is wonderful to have a career that has become my passion."

Volunteering has always been an important part of her life. Susan's activities include being a Mentor at Side By Side school in Norwalk, ushering at The Quick Center of Fairfield University and working with The Susan Fund. She stated, "Being on the Board holds a special place in my heart. Every year we have the privilege of meeting so many amazing students. Their courage and resilience inspire me."



The Susan Fund Board

How To Become a Susan Fund Recipient

All applicants must:

- Be current residents of Fairfield County.
- Have been diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lifetime.
- 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, 2015.

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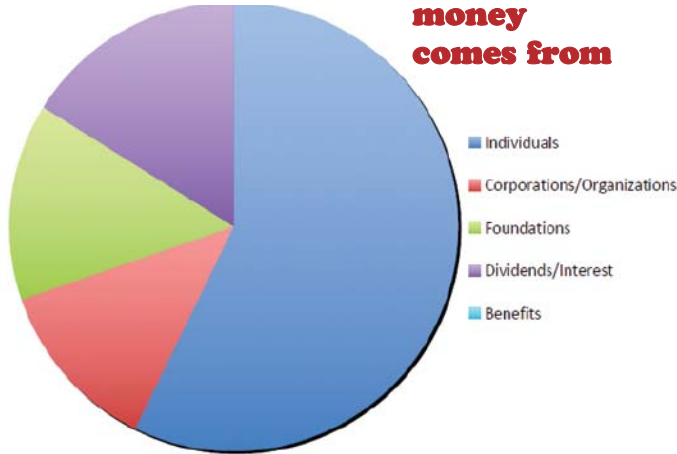
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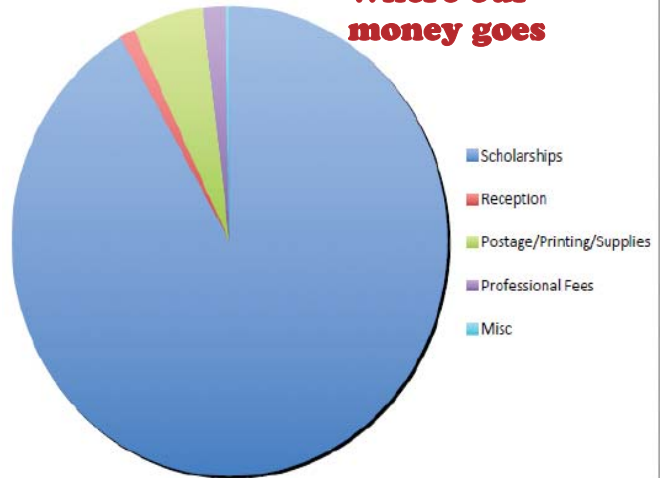
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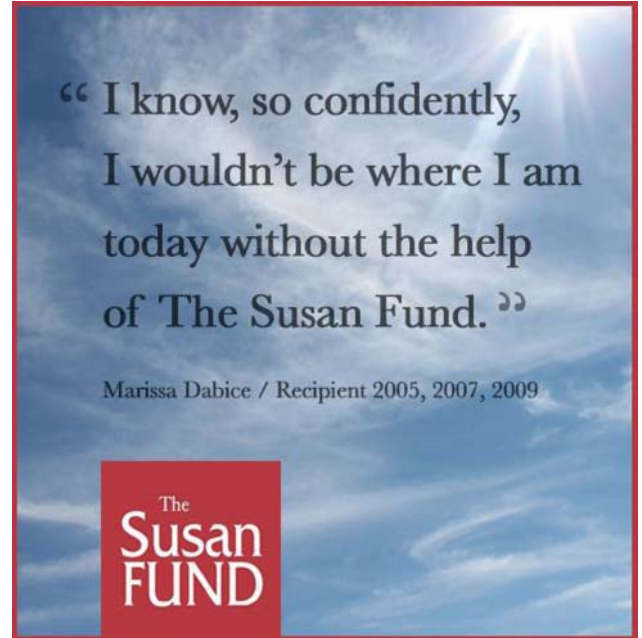
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