

To Financially Assist
Cancer Patients and Their Families
and to Fund Cancer Research





John Ellis
Chairman & Founder

Jane Ellis
President & Executive Director

Earning Your Trust

The Connecticut Sports Foundation (CSF) is a nonprofit organization with a 501 (c)(3) designation.

CSF has operated for 28 years under the guidance of Jane G. Ellis, Executive Director. The Foundation is overseen by a 15-member volunteer Board of Directors, and a 10-member volunteer Advisory Board of Directors.

CSF supporters can be assured that their generous donations are most effectively being used to help ease the financial burdens of Connecticut families due to a cancer diagnosis.

CSF has been audited by an independent accounting firm for the past 28 years and is presently audited by Cohn Reznik.

Our Mission

To financially assist Connecticut cancer patients and their families, and to fund cancer research.

About the Connecticut Sports Foundation

CSF was founded in 1987 by Connecticut native John Ellis, a former catcher and first baseman for the New York Yankees and cancer survivor, to provide economic assistance and compassionate aid to cancer patients and their families in his home state.

John is passionate about helping others as his life was touched by cancer in several ways: He lost a sister, a brother, and a sister-in-law to cancer, all before they reached the age of 40. Then, John himself was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, also prior to the age of 40. Fortunately John survived and CSF was born. John has served as the Chairman of the CSF Board of Directors for many years and is an active Board Member and avid fundraiser for the charity he founded more than two decades ago.

Through its **Grant Recipient Program**, CSF is able to help the majority of Connecticut families requesting assistance through referrals from oncology social workers from hospitals, cancer treatment centers and hospices throughout the state. For the past 28 years, CSF has quietly granted over \$4 million to more than 4,000 Connecticut families dealing with the financial hardship that often comes along with a cancer diagnosis. In addition, the Foundation has donated more than \$1.7 million to support ongoing cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

To raise funds and awareness for CSF's **Grant Recipient Program**, CSF conducts an Annual Celebrity Dinner & Sports Memorabilia Auction fundraiser. The annual fundraiser is orchestrated with the assistance of more than 75 volunteers, including the CSF Board of Directors, Advisory Board members and Emeritus Board members. The many hospitals, cancer centers and hospices, whose patients are served by CSF also support the annual fundraiser as they know firsthand how deserving and in-need the grant recipients are.





ILROG Appreciates the Continued Support Of the Connecticut Sports Foundation to Our Mission and Lymphoma Research

CONNECTICUT SPORTS FOUNDATION (CSF) was founded in 1987 by Connecticut native John C. Ellis, a former catcher for the New York Yankees who played major league baseball for thirteen years. John lost a sister, a brother, and a sister-in-law to lymphoma. He is a survivor of a very bulky stage III Hodgkin lymphoma that involved the chest and the spleen and was diagnosed before John reached 40. John was treated, almost thirty years ago, with extensive radiation alone. No chemotherapy. Fortunately, John survived and CSF was born, with the idea of raising funds through sports with the help of sports celebrities. CSF has been operating for 28 years under the guidance of John’s wife, Jane G. Ellis, President and Executive Director of CSF.

CSF began its fundraising efforts in 1988, kicking off its first gala fundraiser with baseball legends, Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and

Billy Martin where Mickey stated: “I hope this Foundation goes on forever”. Over the years, many of MLB’s greatest stars, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, Hank Aaron along with many others attended the gala to help build CSF’s success to date. CSF is one of the only organizations in Connecticut that provides financial assistance directly to cancer patients and is still going strong. For the past 28 years, through its Cancer Assistance Program, CSF has granted over \$3.8 million to more than 4,000 Connecticut families facing financial hardship that often follows a cancer diagnosis.

In 1992, CSF began supporting lymphoma research with a \$10,000 grant to John’s radiation oncologist-Dr. Joachim Yahalom; the commitment to support research has continued for the last 25 years, providing generous funding to support ongoing cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center under the direction of



Jane & John Ellis, founders of the Connecticut Sports Foundation and supporters of ILROG



Dr. Joachim Yahalom. CSF has funded and continues to support The International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group (ILROG) and has also provided the awards for chosen abstract submissions at this meeting.

CSF is proud to be part of the ILROG family and to help disseminate quality radiation care for lymphoma patients around the world through supporting collaborations in research, patient and professionals education that will make the treatment of lymphoma safer and better than ever.



To learn more about CSF please visit:

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Modern Radiation for Lymphoma
May 8-9, 2015 | New York City



Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center



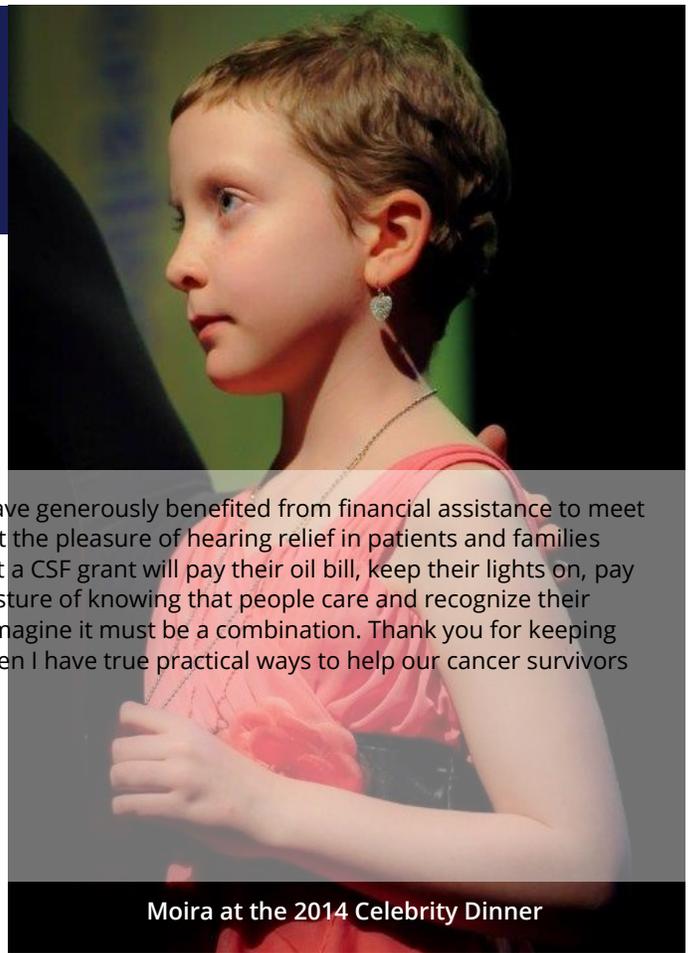
The Foundation at Work

Dear Jane Ellis,

“How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world. . . .” William Shakespeare – Merchant of Venice

Under your guidance, Bridgeport Hospital patients and families have generously benefited from financial assistance to meet their basic needs during a time when they are battling for life. I get the pleasure of hearing relief in patients and families voices and often seeing pleasure on their faces when learning that a CSF grant will pay their oil bill, keep their lights on, pay their rent and assist with much more. I often wonder if it is the gesture of knowing that people care and recognize their struggles or the actual cash assistance that makes them beam. I imagine it must be a combination. Thank you for keeping their hope alive and mine. I am empowered as a social worker when I have true practical ways to help our cancer survivors and their families.

Sincerely,
Philana Solomon, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C
Oncology Social Worker
Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute Bridgeport Hospital



Moira at the 2014 Celebrity Dinner



Mason and Mom at the 2014 Celebrity Dinner

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Connecticut Sports Foundation Against Cancer. Over the past several years I have requested support from this organization for the patients I serve here in our small community hospital.

In southeastern Connecticut I have seen countless patients, who are unemployed, underemployed, have lost a job due to illness, or just cannot make ends meet. These patients are mostly working class individuals for whom there is no other financial assistance available. It is heartbreaking to see these families suffer financially in addition to their physical suffering.

I have witnessed the relief of stress this organization provides when a patient receives a check. The check is most often in the amount requested by the patient and can be for help with mortgage payments, non-covered medical equipment, utility bills, COBRA payments, etc.

I cannot state strongly enough that this stress relief is critical for the patient's ability to combat their cancer as well as the side effects of the treatment for the cancer. I know of no other organization like this one, which provides such immediate and necessary financial support to cancer patients.

I hold this organization and its staff in the highest regard and I am grateful for their consistent positive response to my patients' requests.

Sincerely,
Elynor Carey, IMFT
The William W Backus Hospital



2015 Celebrity Dinner with NYY Brian Cashman, Gene Michael, Orioles Buck Showalter, NYY David Cone, Joe Girardi, Bernie Williams



4 yr. old Allie from Derby

10 yr. old Marik from Groton

8 yr. old Mason from Uncasville

5 yr. old Brenna from Durham

6 yr. old Tess from Clinton

6 yr. old Adriel from Fairfield

Your donations make a difference in our lives!

“Your organization has had a profound impact on many lives and while it may seem small, it is not.”



Mike Francesa with Liv and Mom at the 1st 2015 Radio-telethon



Mike Francesa with Liv, Moira, Emily and Moms at the 1st 2015 Radio-telethon



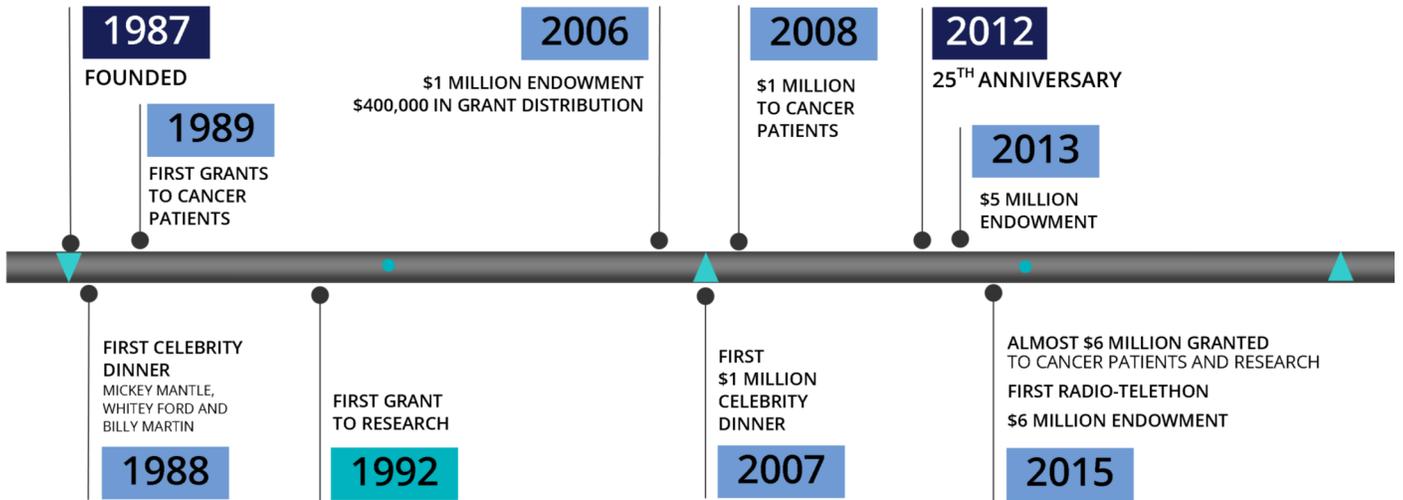
A Brief History



First Celebrity Dinner 1988

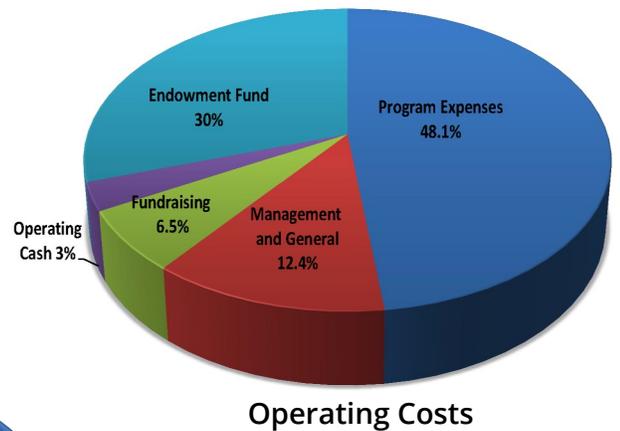
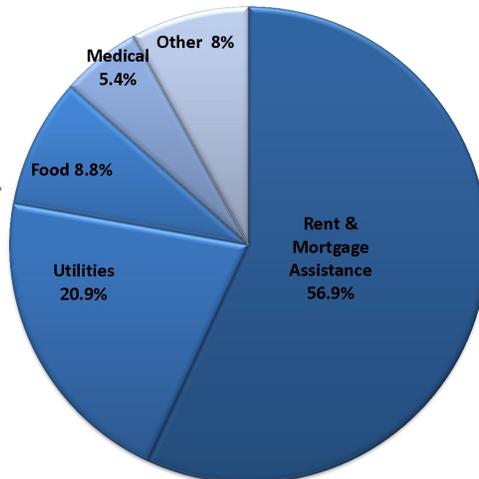
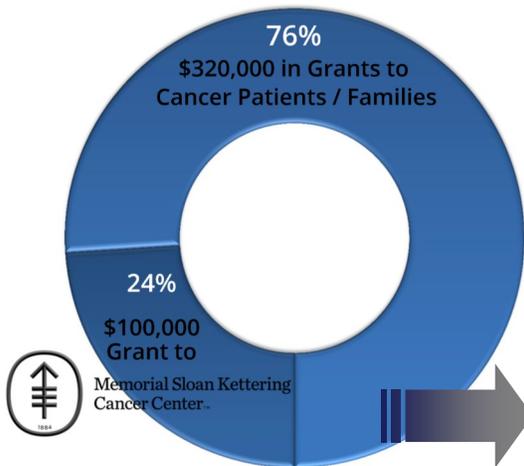


Yogi Berra and Joe Girardi 2012



Your Money at Work

\$420,000 Granted in 2014



How Can I Get Involved?

“When you become involved in our mission, you are helping integrate the worlds of professional sports, caring for communities, wellness, education and research to prevent cancer.”

Ensure the Foundation's Future

Fund the Operations Center

CSF respectfully requests gifts to establish an Operations Center in the service of society for our nonprofit organization's permanent physical location.

The permanent Operations Center sets the stage for the Foundation's future and will house a Sports Museum, Art Gallery, and Development Office.

It will exemplify our founding values— to preserve and promote respect, sportsmanship, social justice and excellence.

Year-round programs facilitated in our Operations Center will be inclusive, culturally diverse and educational with luminaries in sports, media, and corporate leaders. Programs will include seminars that teach lessons in leadership, author discussions, panel discussions on sports, social and medical topics, and a variety of other special workshops.

Fund the Sports Museum/Art Gallery

The Art Gallery and Sports Museum will be a place of respite for patients, and a public point of interest. This exceptional facility will welcome a new audience to CSF's future.

Creative arts therapy significantly reduces anxiety, depression, pain and improves the quality of life in cancer patients. Therapy programs and events centered around arts and music will be the cornerstone of our program.

Naming opportunities are available for the Operations Center, Sports Museum, and Art Gallery.

Make a Charitable Gift of Art

There is great potential for many individuals to achieve their philanthropic goals and create a lasting legacy using gifts of art.

CSF accepts gifts of art and will work with your family, legal and financial advisors to ensure that all parties understand and participate in the process.

Fund the Endowment

The endowment fund of permanent duration is non-restricted at this time and invested to further CSF's mission of long-term financial sustainability.

A charitable gift to our endowment fund today will fund our good work now and in the future.

Fund Research

Our research funding focuses on an organization we have funded from its inception in 2010 — The International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group (ILROG).

ILROG worldwide is a forum to further the understanding of radiotherapy in the treatment of lymphoma in children and adults around the globe.

Every major cancer hospital in the United States is a member of ILROG. The membership base includes over 750 Radiation Oncologists from 40 different countries.

ILROG's accomplishments would not have been possible without the initial support of the CT Sports Foundation and the trust we had in our combined goals to improve the care of lymphoma patients worldwide.

The organization is led and Chaired by Dr. Yahalom of Memorial Sloan Kettering, the physician who saved Connecticut Sports Foundation's founder, John Ellis' life 30 years ago!

Funding toward research is welcomed at all levels.

Internship Program

CSF collaborates with local schools, colleges and universities on our internship program which promotes leadership skills in students and teaches them about working in the many facets of a successful, long-standing nonprofit organization.

Support Cancer Patients Today

Many cancer patients and their families are suddenly confronted with insurmountable bills at a time when focusing on healing is critical to their recovery.

A charitable gift of financial support to cancer patients and their families can quickly and compassionately remove some of the stress and worry to help patients fight back against their illness.

Funding toward grants to cancer patients is welcomed at all levels.

Support Fundraising Events

Sponsor a Celebrity Dinner

Celebrity Dinners bring together guests, sports stars and sponsors to support the Foundation's efforts to raise funds for Connecticut cancer patients and their families and fund cancer research!

Sponsor a Music Program

CSF will work with a concert promoter in connection with a series of concerts to be held in Connecticut over a one year period. The concerts will raise funds, create awareness and promote CSF's mission.

Sponsor an Art Fundraiser

CSF will work with partners to provide events centered on the purchase and sale of donated and fine art at galleries and elsewhere. The Art Events will raise funds, create awareness and promote CSF's mission.

Volunteer

We offer a range of opportunities to fit your needs, meet your personal goals and leverage your skills for a meaningful, supported volunteer experience.

Working together, we can provide hope to cancer patients and their families. Every dollar you donate is put to good use. Contact us TODAY at (860) 388-0788, or www.sportsfoundation.org

“This Should Go On FOREVER”

—Mickey Mantle



Attend an Upcoming Event



Rebecca Lobo's Clinic Against Cancer

Come join Rebecca Lobo, the All-American UConn, Olympic, and WNBA star, for a women's basketball clinic to benefit CT cancer patients! Sacred Heart University's women's head basketball coach, Jessica Mannetti, and SHU's women's team will assist with instructional drills, games, and contests. There will be time at the end of the clinic for Q&A with Rebecca regarding your personal game or the college recruiting process.

August 9, 2015, 10am—3pm
Sacred Heart University, William H. Pitt Center
5151 Park Ave, Fairfield, CT 06825
www.sportsfoundation.org

Jon Gruden NFL Kickoff—SAVE THE DATE!

September 3, 2015
NYC

2016 Celebrity Dinner—SAVE THE DATE!

February 12, 2016

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