
Imagine being diagnosed with cancer.

Imagine the surgery, radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Imagine the fear and exhaustion.

Now imagine having to face all that hungry, in the dark with no heat.



The Connecticut Cancer Foundation is a non-profit foundation whose mission is to provide financial assistance and compassionate aid to Connecticut cancer patients and their families. The families that we help are typically getting by just fine before someone is diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately, once the cancer treatments start, the bills begin to increase and the illness begins to take its toll on the patient. They become unable to work as many hours or unable to work at all. With this reduced income, they must try to pay the mounting medical bills and all the bills for basic living expenses like rent, mortgage, electricity, heat, and food. They struggle for months during which time the financial worry adds additional stress and hinders the arduous healing process these people are already facing.

The Connecticut Cancer Foundation (CCF) helps CT cancer patients keep their lights on, heat their homes, pay their rent, and provide funds for the purchase of food that they would otherwise go without in order to pay more pressing bills. CCF fills gaps in care for patients suffering with cancer by providing financial assistance to eligible patients for a host of necessities not covered by medical insurance or social services. At CCF, we use our funds to try to ease some of the financial stress that comes with the trauma of a cancer diagnosis, which allows patients to focus on fighting their battle with cancer. The majority of cancer patients requesting assistance are referred and screened for qualification by oncology social workers from Connecticut hospitals, cancer treatment centers, and hospices. CCF further reviews each case for eligibility according to our guidelines. Patients applying to our Patient Assistance Program are in the active treatment phase of their disease when they become unable to work or unable to work full time or otherwise face financial hardship due to their illness.



THE CONNECTICUT CANCER FOUNDATION, INC.

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CCF MISSION:

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

YEARS OF OPERATION: 1987 – Present

FOUNDATION DESCRIPTION & HISTORY:

The Connecticut Cancer Foundation (CCF) is a non-profit IRS 501(C) (3) corporation chartered by the State of Connecticut whose mission is to provide economic assistance and compassionate aid to Connecticut cancer patients and their families. CCF has been operating for 36 years under the guidance of the Executive Director, Jane G. Ellis. CCF is overseen by a 10-member, volunteer Board of Directors and a 15-member, volunteer Advisory Board of Directors.

John Ellis, a former catcher for the New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians, and Texas Rangers, established CCF in 1987. John's life was touched by cancer in several ways: he lost a sister, brother, and 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. John survived that cancer battle and CCF was born. Unfortunately, John Ellis was diagnosed with leukemia in 2021 and lost his 2nd battle with cancer in April 2022.

Since its inception, CCF has provided financial assistance to Connecticut families stricken with cancer, for basic living needs such as rent, mortgage, utilities, medical co-pays, food, medications, and more. This financial assistance program is called the ***CT Cancer Foundation Patient Assistance Program***. The majority of Connecticut patients requesting assistance are referred and evaluated for qualification by oncology social workers from Connecticut hospitals, cancer treatment centers, and hospices.

To raise funds and awareness for ***cancer patients***, CCF conducts an annual signature fundraising event, The Annual Celebrity Dinner & Sports Memorabilia Auction. This fundraiser is sponsored by Mohegan Sun with the assistance of more than 75 volunteers, including the CCF Board of Directors.

EARNING YOUR TRUST: Donors and sponsors can be confident that their valued donations are being used appropriately and efficiently, to financially assist CT cancer patients in communities throughout Connecticut. CCF has been audited by independent accounting firms for the past 35 years and is presently audited by Capossela Cohen, LLC.

CCF GRANTS MADE TO CANCER PATIENTS IN FY 2021 – 2022:

CCF provided over \$520,000 in grants to more than 587 CT cancer patients and their families and \$155,000 to cancer research in fiscal year 2021-2022. Over the past 35 years, CCF has granted over \$7.4 million to more than 9,000 CT cancer patients and over \$2.7 million to cancer research.

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