



# Lauren's First and Goal Foundation

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## LFG Tops \$1.16 Million in Grants

Lauren's First and Goal Foundation is pleased to announce more than \$118,000 in grant awards to pediatric cancer research, patient services and families impacted by the disease. With the new donations, LFG's total contribution in the battle against pediatric cancer is more than \$1.16 million since 2004.

"We are very proud to be able to continue funding important research toward more effective and less toxic treatments for pediatric brain tumors, as well as support children and families living with pediatric cancer through varied services, activities and support programming," said LFG founder Marianne Loose.

"The grants represent the collective generosity of our donors, volunteers and participants in our football camps each June," she said.

The largest portion of this year's grants will be \$70,000 to ongoing pediatric cancer research projects at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Johns Hopkins. Dana Farber's pediatric low grade astrocytoma research study will receive \$35,000 as will the Pilocytic Piloxyoid Research Fund at Johns Hopkins.

Along with their dedication to funding pediatric cancer research, Lauren's First and Goal continues its focus on supporting patient services that ease the burden on families.

The foundation is awarding \$20,000 to Camp Sunshine this year in support of Brain Tumor Week at camp and a Family Volunteer Housing Unit. Camp Sunshine is a year-round program that provides respite, support, joy and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families through various stages of a child's illness.

The Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley and Kyle's Peace will again both receive donations, \$5,000 and \$3,000, respectively. The cancer foundation offers programming for parents and children, while Kyle's Peace serves families at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia oncology clinic.

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### Brain Tumor Research

\$70,000

**Dana Farber  
Cancer Institute  
Low Grade Astrocytoma  
Research Study -  
\$35,000**

**Johns Hopkins  
Pilocytic Piloxyoid  
Research Fund -  
\$35,000**

### Pediatric Cancer Services

and Support  
\$29,500

**Camp Sunshine -  
\$20,000**

**Pediatric Cancer Foundation  
of the Lehigh Valley -  
\$5,000**

**Kyle's Peace -  
\$3,000**

**Cancer Support Group of the  
Greater Lehigh Valley Equine  
Assisted Therapy Program-  
\$1,500**

### Family Support

\$19,000

**Support to 41 families in need**





## LFG Tops \$1.16 Million in Grants (continued)

New this year, LFG will donate \$1,500 to the Cancer Support Group of the Greater Lehigh Valley for a four-week equine-assisted therapy program. Eight local children with cancer will participate in the program designed to increase the children's confidence, independence and responsibility; foster self-control, trust and empathy and improve balance and promote exercise and relaxation

through interaction.

The final piece of LFG's mission is family support, recognizing the financial strain of a cancer diagnosis. So far this year, the foundation has provided more than \$19,000 to 41 families.

For detailed information about all grants, research, services and support LFG provides visit the Lauren's First and Goal website grants page at [www.lfgf.org/Grants/](http://www.lfgf.org/Grants/).

## 10th Anniversary Football Camp in PA June 2, 2013

Lauren's First and Goal Foundation is pleased to announce the dates for its 2013 Lauren's First and Goal Football Camps in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The Pennsylvania camp, which will be celebrating its tenth year, will be held on Sunday, June 2 at Lafayette College's Metzgar Athletic Complex in Easton.

The Ohio camp, which was launched in 2010, will take place on Saturday, June 22 at Otterbein University's Athletic Campus in Westerville.

Online registration is available, so please register in advance.



*Campers at the LFG Football Camp in OH, June 2012, get top quality instruction (left).*

*"I wanted to say thank you for the chance to attend the Lauren's First and Goal camp on Sunday. I felt that I had a great camp and learned a lot from all the great coaches you had there. But it was even better to be part of something that does so much good for people... I could only think that it would be great to be there like them to help out someday." - Andrew Terlingo, player Southern Lehigh*

**Online Registration  
Available January 2013**

*Please*  
**PRE-REGISTER**

*"We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of goodwill throughout the day... This was a first class and well organized event that accommodated so many campers." - Kevin McDonough, parent*

## LFG Featured on Buick's Human Highlight Reel on ESPN

Buick and the NCAA have teamed up to support and further the causes of former NCAA athletes who have taken it upon themselves to inspire and change lives. The Human Highlight Reel was created to celebrate the next generation of achievers and to share their stories with the world. Featured on the Human Highlight Reel are the causes, people, and contributions that are testaments to the power of the human achievement.

LFG was chosen to participate in a feature of the Human Highlight Reel, which was aired in October 2012 on ESPN. It can be viewed on the ESPN website [www.ncaa/buick](http://www.ncaa/buick).



**BUICK**   
**HUMAN  
HIGHLIGHT REEL**

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*LFG Founder John Loose (left)*

# Rossomando Coach of the Year Donates to LFG



*University of New Haven Coach  
Pete Rossomando*

Lauren’s First and Goal Foundation received a surprise Christmas gift thanks to University of New Haven football coach Pete Rossomando, who was named the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year for Division II. With the award, Rossomando was given the opportunity to select charities to receive a donation in his name.

Rossomando called John and Marianne Loose, founders of Lauren’s First and Goal, and shared the news that LFG would receive \$40,000.

Board member Leo Govoni accepted the donation at the awards ceremony in Florida, on the foundation’s behalf.

“This award is for everybody, not just the University of New Haven and it means a lot to me that it can make an impact with so many different people,” said Rossomando, who led the Chargers to

their third straight Northeast-10 Conference championship and second consecutive playoff appearance.

“I know how difficult it is to raise healthy children, but to do it for a child with a disability - it’s got to be tough. John’s been a very close friend and I hope this can help make a difference for him and the foundation,” said Rossomando.

“It’s a tremendous gesture for him to select Lauren’s First and Goal with all of the great charities out there,” said LFG Founder John Loose. “This is a terrific way to jump start our new year of fundraising efforts and will help us continue to support pediatric cancer research and patient services and families who are impacted by the disease,” Loose added.

The Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award recognizes college football coaches who demonstrate Sportsmanship, Integrity, Responsibility and Excellence both on and off the field. Endorsed by the College Football Hall of Fame, the program awards one winning coach from each NCAA division with \$50,000 to donate to a charity of their choice, a \$20,000 grant to each school’s alumni association, and the Coach of the Year trophy.

The donation will be used like all others the foundation receives - to support pediatric brain tumor research and patient services, and to help support families living with a pediatric cancer diagnosis.

## Team LFG Runs Philly Half Marathon

The tremendous network of family, friends and even strangers that comprise Lauren’s Circle of Strength continues to grow as LFG Foundation prepares for its tenth annual camp in 2013.

While the Circle of Strength has members who faithfully return each year to lend their support to the mission of the foundation, it also welcomes newcomers like the Philly Half Marathoners.

Organized by team leader Jaclyn Cirello, a group of young adults with giving and well conditioned hearts ran the Philly Half Marathon in November, raising almost \$2500 for LFG. Special thanks to Jaclyn, Melissa Stackpole, Dan Parrish, Melissa Chedid, Amanda Scarpa and Tierney Farry for all their efforts!

For a complete list of all the 2012 Circle of Strength members, please visit the LFG website at [www.lfgf.org/Circle-Of-Strength/Previous-Members-2012/](http://www.lfgf.org/Circle-Of-Strength/Previous-Members-2012/).



*Team LFG after the 2012 Philadelphia Half Marathon.*

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