



Lauren's First and Goal Foundation
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Lauren's First and Goal Frequently Asked Questions

What is Lauren's First and Goal Foundation?

Lauren's First and Goal is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, a labor of love started in 2004 by John and Marianne Loose in honor of their daughter, Lauren, a 17-year-old pediatric brain tumor survivor. Lauren has been living with a diagnosis of multiple brain and spinal cord tumors, Neurofibromatosis, Moyamoya disease and Evan's Syndrome since she was nine months old.

What is LFG's mission?

The mission of Lauren's First and Goal is to provide financial support for brain tumor research and cancer services, to offer financial and emotional support to families living with pediatric cancer, and to increase awareness of the disease -- all through the funding gained through LFG Football Camp and charitable contributions.

How much money has LFG raised?

More than \$1.7 million has been raised since Lauren's First and Goal Foundation was created in 2004. The funds are used to support pediatric cancer research, patient services and family support programs, as well as operating expenses for the annual Lauren's First and Goal Football Camps.

How are the funds raised by LFG distributed to the organizations and programs that further the Foundation's mission?

LFG has provided more than \$900,000 directly to pediatric brain tumor research, equal to almost 70 percent of its total donations. LFG has also contributed more than \$430,000 to pediatric cancer services and family support programs.

What is the LFG Football Camp?

LFG's primary fundraiser is the annual Lauren's First and Goal Football Camp at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. The one-day camp is open to high school student-athletes entering grades 9-12 and current high school seniors. It is staffed by volunteer coaches from colleges across the country. In 2010, LFG expanded its camp offerings to include a camp at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio.

I'm a high school football coach. How do I register my team for the camp?

Online registration for student-athletes will be available in late January. Each student-athlete attending the camp needs to complete an individual registration form.

I'm a student-athlete, but my coach and teammates won't be attending camp without me. Can I register on my own?

If you are a student-athlete and want to attend the camp without your coach and teammates, you can still attend camp. Online registration will be available in late January.

I'm a college coach and would like to volunteer for the LFG camp. How do I register?

College coaches from Division I, II and III are invited to participate as volunteer coaches. Any coach interested in joining the LFG Camp staff, can email or John Troxell at john.troxell@fandm.edu or firstandgoal@rcn.com with their name, name of school and position coached.

If I'm not a college football coach, are there other ways I can help?

LFG is operated entirely by volunteers, from the Board of Directors to the college coaches and athletic trainers who donate and share their time and talent. Volunteers are needed for every aspect of the camp's operation from setup to photography to obtaining sponsors.

You can also help by making an individual donation directly to Lauren's First and Goal Foundation. For more information on volunteering or donations, email firstandgoal@rcn.com.

I'd like to organize a local fundraiser for LFG. How do I do that?

For ideas on fundraising events, visit the Circle of Strength. If you need additional information or have other ideas, contact Pam Troxell at pam.troxell@laurensfirstandgoal.org or Marianne Loose at firstandgoal@rcn.com.

What are other ways that LFG raises money?

Introduced in the spring of 2009, *Hope Is Here To Stay* is a children's picture book designed to spread hope and the story of Lauren's First and Goal Foundation. Written with love by Lauren's aunt, Patrice Mary Domozych, the book was illustrated by the talented and generous artists from Splashes of Hope, a non-profit organization that paints murals at hospitals and other medical facilities. *Hope Is Here To Stay* can be purchased online at www.amazon.com and at www.booksurge.com.

Lauren's First and Goal also introduced the *Manual of Football Drills and Skills* in May 2011. All of the material, including drills for game-management, strength and conditioning, offense, defense and special teams, was contributed by more than 130 volunteer coaches from Division I, II and III and the professional ranks. *Manual of Football Skills and Drills* can be purchased online at www.createspace.com/3594267.

All proceeds from the sale of the books go directly to LFG.

Can I sell *Hope is Here to Stay* in my store or on my website?

Questions about the book, including discounted bulk orders, school visits or a presentation by the author, and selling or advertising it on a web site, contact the author, Patrice Domozych, at docdomo@optonline.net.

Are donations to LFG tax-deductible?

As a 501c3 charitable organization, donations to LFG are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Tax returns for LFG are also available upon request by contacting firstandgoal@rcn.com.

Where can I learn more about pediatric brain tumors?

[The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the U.S.](#) and the [Children's Brain Tumor Foundation](#) are two of the premier sources of information and support for pediatric brain tumors. Also, visit our [Pediatric Brain Tumor Resources](#) section.

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