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\$2 Million Granted Over 15 Years

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Lauren's First and Goal Foundation announced over \$131,000 in grant awards to pediatric cancer research, patient services, and families impacted by the disease in 2018. LFG has awarded more than \$2 million in grants as part of the fight against pediatric cancer since 2004.

LFG is focusing the largest amount of its grants on pediatric cancer research again this year. The foundation supported three research projects that received \$31,000 each. The research projects, which have received funding from the foundation previously, are:

- Dana Farber's Pediatric Low-Grade Astrocytoma (PGLA) program
- Johns Hopkins' Pilocytic/Pilomyxoid Research program
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia – Children's Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium/ Low Grade Glioma research program

Updates on the progress of these research projects can be found on the LFG website.

The next category of grant funding is patient services, with commitments to two different programs, totaling \$22,000. One the awards is designated for camp programs specifically designed for children battling pediatric cancer and other major illnesses. LFG has awarded \$12,000 to Camp Sunshine.

The donation to Camp Sunshine allows families to attend camp for the Low-Grade Pediatric Brain Tumor week. Attending camp during this week provides an opportunity for families to connect with a community of others who understand their struggle and encourages a unique sense of belonging. Camp Sunshine is a year-round pro-



Lauren pictured at the RMH in Philadelphia (above).

gram that offers respite, support, joy and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families through various stages of a child's illness.

The second patient services grant for \$10,000 covers the adoption of a room and a pledge commitment for the permanent adoption of a new suite at the Ronald McDonald House Philadelphia Chestnut Street location. By adopting a room, the foundation is sponsoring each family who will stay in that room as their child battles a serious illness. LFG is pleased to continue its partnership with the Cavanaugh family in permanently endowing one of the new patient family suites being built as part of the Chestnut Street House expansion project.

The final piece of LFG's mission is family support, recognizing the financial strain of a cancer diagnosis. The foundation has committed more than \$16,000 to families to cover expenses related to their child's cancer diagnosis.

For further information and links to programs and services that Lauren's First and Goal supports, visit our website and click the [Grants](#) tab.

Save the Date!

16th Annual

Lafayette College Presents

Lauren's First and Goal

Football Camp

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Please register online early

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LFG PA's DECA State Charity



Members of the State College Area High School DECA (top, left) and Staison George of Abraham Lincoln HS, Philadelphia DECA (right) working to achieve their fundraising goals.

The success of Lauren's First and Goal and its fight against pediatric cancer depends on the generosity of ordinary people who are inspired and empowered to use their gifts and talents to lend a hand. Having a strong support system can make all the difference to families dealing with life threatening illness and any contribution can make a difference to a child who is living with illness.

LFG is proud to have been chosen as the Pennsylvania state charity for DECA, an organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

Two examples of the many fundraising projects across the state included fundraising by the members of the State College Area High School DECA in State College, PA. DECA President, Will Marsh said, "State High's chapter of DECA's goal was to raise \$2,000 for Lauren's First and Goal. In order to achieve this, we went to the community to ask for donations from local businesses and families that were involved with our organization. We then hosted several fundraisers through local restaurants and car washes. At the end, we ended up giving exactly our goal of \$2,000 to help support Lauren's First and Goal." Staison George of Abraham Lincoln HS in Philadelphia teamed with his school's DECA chapter to organize a fundraising pep rally, raising \$1,500 for LFG.

Lauren will travel to the PA State DECA Conference in Hershey, PA in February to speak and meet with DECA members to share the mission of LFG and thank them in person for all their hard work.

An Easy Way to Score for LFG - SHOP!

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Marc Klaiman - Committed to the COS Since 2004



Lauren and Coach Marc Klaiman at LFG Football Camp together in 2009 (above).

When the concept for LFG Football Camp and Foundation was floated for the very first time, Marc Klaiman was among the first to hear about it. Marc explains, "I saw John at the AFCA convention in Orlando in '04 and we sat down to talk. He said he was thinking of starting a camp to benefit children with pediatric tumors. I told him, "I am in and I will help as long as you do the camp." Marc, in fact, was the first coach that founder, John Loose approached about joining the effort to create LFG Foundation. Likely because John recognized the compassionate, enthusiastic and willing spirit of Coach Marc Klaiman.

Marc and John had worked together more than a decade earlier, in 1991, at the Coast Guard Academy where Klaiman served as an Assistant Coach of the Defensive Line. Klaiman

moved on to an 11-year stint from 1992-2003 at Norwich University where he served as an Assistant Coach - Secondary & Linebackers and Defensive Coordinator. From 2004-2006, Klaiman served at Bryant University as the Assistant Coach/Defensive Coordinator for Secondary & Linebackers. Coach Klaiman established the Anna Maria College football program in 2008 and served as the Head Football Coach there until 2011. He continued coaching in the 2012 and 2014 seasons at Bryant and Tufts as Assistant Defensive Coach, before retiring from coaching.

Marc spends most of his time on camp day working with the linebackers, under the direction of Coach Don Dobes, to "make it a great experience for the campers," but like most volunteers does whatever is needed and necessary to help. Marc says, "I will do whatever I can though to assist LFG and the battle against pediatric brain tumors." This past year, Marc brought his son Wil to the camp for the first time. This year they plan to enlist some of Wil's friends to join in at camp as well.

Marc currently lives in Smithfield, Rhode Island with his wife Amy and son Wil, and he is part owner in a family garage door business in Massachusetts. While Marc misses certain aspects of coaching; players, coaches, practices, game planning, there are some things he does not miss. Marc quips, "I really love the two-day vacations I get every week! I think other people call them weekends. Coaches don't get weekends off."

LFG is tremendously grateful for the commitment and dedication of Coach Klaiman and all coaches and volunteers who serve to achieve the mission of the foundation. To find out more about the [COS](#) visit our [website](#).

Score for LFG - Join the COS

Looking for another easy way to score for LFG? Join the Circle of Strength! There are so many possibilities! Consider volunteering, donating goods, services or funds, or create a fundraiser to benefit LFG. Pay it forward, help someone in need, be kind, do good, make the world a better place! If you are looking for ideas, visit our [website](#) and check out our Circle of Strength page. Let 2019 be the year you become inspired to use your gifts and talents to drive you forward purposefully and meaningfully to help others.

"I believe that we are all born with special and unique gifts and talents. Our job is to discover our gifts and use them in a way to help others, which gives us purpose and life meaning."

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