

'Sponsor a Flynn Fellow': Collaborative Fundraising Initiative

Purpose

- Provide vehicle to enable grateful patients and/or their families and friends to make charitable donations in "memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one or friend impacted by cancer who was cared for at a participating Flynn Fellowship program hospital
- **Support expansion of Flynn Fellowship program while enabling individual Donors to become direct "stakeholders" in the professional development of a future Oncology Nurse!**

Approach

- **Establish a "Memorial/Honorary" donation mechanism at each Flynn Fellowship host Hospital**
- Coordinate this fundraising initiative with participating hospitals in Flynn Fellowship program
- Arrange for visibility of this donation vehicle on the participating hospitals' websites and encourage them to collaboratively promote this mutually beneficial fundraising initiative

"Pilot" Program Successfully Completed in 2022: Examples:

Note: This program was inspired by the example and generosity of Mr. Stephen Corman, who has sponsored 2 Flynn Fellows at Stamford Hospital annually since 2017 in the memory of his late wife Betsy, who died of pancreatic cancer

- A grateful family designated Flynn Foundation "in lieu of flowers" to memorialize passing of a family member (wife/mother) who was a patient at Hartford Hospital
--in doing so, over \$5,000 was raised from donations by family/friends out of gratitude for quality of Oncology Nursing care provided
--to personalize this philanthropic gesture, family of deceased loved one directly sponsored one of our 2022 Flynn Fellows at Hartford Hospital
--the grateful Flynn Fellow they sponsored recently began her **Oncology Nursing** career at a leading CT hospital
- A close personal friend of a patient at Smilow Cancer Hospital made a \$5,000 donation to Smilow to memorialize her dear friend who had a major personal impact on her family
--she directly sponsored a 2022 Flynn Fellow at Smilow Cancer Hospital whose qualities and personal attributes reflected those of her dear friend
--the grateful Flynn Fellow she sponsored recently began her career as a **Pediatric Oncology Nurse** at a leading CT hospital
- A friend and neighbor of four recent cancer patients was so inspired by their perseverance, resilience, selflessness and positivity in their successful battles with cancer that she sponsored a Flynn Fellow in their honor at Greenwich Hospital
--the honorees were afforded the opportunity to meet and designate a 2023 Flynn Fellow whose personal attributes and career aspirations resonated with them
--they will be wonderful mentors and advocates for this **aspiring Oncology Nurse!**

Testimonials of Some Flynn Fellow Sponsors:

“Sponsoring a Flynn Fellow has been more rewarding than I ever imagined. Developing a personal relationship with these impressive aspiring nurses and becoming an active part of their support network has been a joyous experience. Both of the Flynn Fellows I’ve sponsored so far possess the exceptional attributes of compassion and passion for the challenging field of oncology. I’m confident they will make a difference in the quality of care of future cancer patients and their families and in their respective hospitals.”

Anne Earle (Westerly RI): sponsor of a 2002 Flynn Fellow at Smilow Cancer Hospital and a 2023 Flynn Fellow at Greenwich Hospital

“I have been an admirer and strong proponent of this wonderful program since its inception in 2014 at Greenwich Hospital. As a long-standing sponsor of the Flynn Fellows at Stamford Hospital, I enthusiastically encourage others to consider sponsoring a Flynn Fellow in 2024 to help support Fred’s ambitious program expansion plan. Being directly involved in supporting the professional development and career progression of aspiring Oncology Nurses is an incredibly rewarding experience.”

Stephen Corman (Greenwich, CT): sponsor of Flynn Fellowship program at Stamford Hospital since 2017

Summary:

- **In the past 2 years 10 Flynn Fellows have been sponsored by this new personalized fundraising initiative, including 6 in 2023**, to the benefit of the grateful aspiring nurses, the families of those being memorialized or individuals being honored, and the host Hospitals!
- To help celebrate our 10th anniversary, **our Goal is to attract 8 new individual sponsors of Flynn Fellows in 2024; please help us achieve this important Goal!**
- **To learn more** about how this special, very personalized collaborative philanthropic initiative works and how to support it by personally sponsoring a Flynn Fellow (in whole or part), **please contact Fred Flynn** at fflynn0924@aol.com