



Coaches vs. Cancer New England Newsletter

Our Mission:

To increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living among students, faculty, fans, and the community at large through year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities and advocacy programs.



Join the ACS at the TD Garden on Sunday, November 16 for the 2014 Coaches vs. Cancer Tripleheader, featuring BC, BU, Harvard, Holy Cross, UMass and Northeastern.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit the American Cancer Society. CvC youth teams that purchase group tickets are eligible for a variety of incentives, including:

- Have your team play on the Garden court pre-game
- Post-game meet & greet with college teams
- Take a group photo on the court with college mascots
- And more!

[Click here](#) to purchase your group tickets and contact Greg McKeever (greg.mckeever@cancer.org) for more information on group ticket incentives.

Youth and High School teams can also sign up now to host their own 2014-15 Coaches vs. Cancer game:

- Teams signed up by November 1, will be entered into a raffle to win free tickets to the Tripleheader for their entire team!
- Create your 2014-15 Coaches vs. Cancer team page on coachesvscancer.org/youth to be entered into a raffle to win free tickets for your entire team!

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A Crucial Catch

A Crucial Catch is the NFL partnership with the American Cancer Society, and is focused on the importance of annual screenings, especially for women who are 40 and older.

There's a new tradition at Notre Dame of Fairfield High School that is quickly becoming as much a part of football season as homecoming and pep rallies.

On Nov. 1, Notre Dame will for the fourth straight year host a "Pink Game," with proceeds from the fundraiser going toward the "A Crucial Catch" campaign to support the life-saving mission of the American Cancer Society and the collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the NFL, which supports the Society's Community Health Advocates National Grants for Empowerment (CHANGE) program.

The program utilizes partnerships between the Society and health care systems in areas of greatest need to provide outreach and breast cancer screenings to women who need them. Mariann Cirisoli, along with her husband Ray, have spearheaded the effort to bring the Pink Game to Notre Dame for the past three seasons and will be planning the game again this year. Their son Noah is a senior on the football team.

"The school is very devoted to raising awareness and giving back," said Mariann, whose mother lost her battle with breast cancer. "Being involved with A Crucial Catch was an easy sell to the football team, the coaches, the players and the school. Everyone has been enthusiastic about giving back. Part of the reason, I think, is that there are probably many more people that we're aware of in our community who have been touched in some way by breast cancer."

The Notre Dame football team will wear pink stickers on their helmets as well as other pink equipment. Local vendors have donated items for a raffle and the school's students, usually required to wear uniforms, take part in a fund-raising "dress down day."

Prior to the game, the teams and fans in attendance will observe a 58-second moment of silence in honor of those lost to breast cancer and those who continue to fight the disease.

Since the Pink Game's arrival at Note Dame, the school community has raised more than, \$3,500 for the American Cancer Society. Mariann's goal for this year is to raise \$2,000 to surpass last year's fundraising total.

A big thank you to Notre Dame and Mariann Cirisoli for their continued support of the American Cancer Society!

**Join Notre Dame and have your team make A Crucial Catch!
Contact your local Coaches vs. Cancer Coordinator to sign-up.**

Fall 2014

These teams are hosting Coaches vs. Cancer & A Crucial Catch events to help create a world with less cancer and more birthdays

Connecticut

Brookfield Football - Rich Angarano
Bethel Field Hockey - Katie Ciskowski
Branford Girls' Soccer - Jen Kohut
Brien McMahon Football - AJ Albano
Bunnell Football - Doug Cotto
Fairfield Ludlowe Baseball - Michael Francese
Fairfield University Basketball – Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament
Fairfield Warde Football - Duncan DellaVolpe
Guilford Football - Tom Unger
Henry Abbott Tech Soccer - Jeff Earle
Henry Abbott Tech Volleyball - Eric Sawyer
Kaynor Tech Volleyball - Kathryn Patrick
Maloney Football - Kevin Frederick
Masuk Football - Joe Lato
Notre Dame Fairfield Football - Ted Boynton
Quinnipiac Univ. Women's Soccer - Dave Clark
Shelton Football - Jeff Roy
Southern CT State Univ. Field Hockey - Kelley Frazzini
Southern CT State Univ. Women's Soccer - Adam Cohen
Sports & Medical Science Academy Volleyball - Steven Goodrich
Trinity College Men's Soccer - Michael Pilger
Univ. of Connecticut Women's Soccer - Kris Grunwald
Western CT State Univ. Field Hockey - Dani McDonnell
Western CT State Univ. Soccer - George Kostelis
Wilcox Tech Football - Trevor Jones

Maine

Cape Elizabeth Girls Soccer - Craig Fannon
Cheverus Girls Soccer - Colin Minte
Cony Football - Paul Vachon
Falmouth Girls Soccer - Andrew Pelletier
John Bapts Memorial - Girls Soccer - Jennifer Plourde
John Bapts Memorial Boys Soccer - Sean Smith
Kennebunk Field Hockey - Kayla Billings
Kennebunk Football - Joseph Rafferty
Kennebunk Girls Soccer - John Dolan
Lawrence High School - Bill MacManus
Madison Football - Chris LeBlanc
Maine Central Institute Football - James Leonard
Marshwood Athletics – Rich Buzzell
Messalosskee Football - Dennis Martin
Morse Boys Soccer - Andy Knox
Morse Girls Soccer - Steve Boyce
Oxford Hills Football - Jeff Benson
The Hyde School Football - John Mellinger
Waterville Football - Heidi Bernier
Winslow Football - Jasob Briggs
Yarmouth Boys Soccer - Susan Robbins
Yarmouth Field Hockey - Susan Robbins
Yarmouth Football - Susan Robbins
Yarmouth Girls Soccer - Susan Robbins

Massachusetts

Andover Girls Soccer - Meghan Matson
Assumption Women's Soccer – Kevin Meek
Boston Latin Academy Girls Soccer – Kara Stafford
Central Catholic Girls Soccer - Casey Grange
Duxbury Girls Soccer – Joe Ferguson
Duxbury Boys Soccer – Brian Johnson
Holbrook Girls Volleyball – Mike Bolger
Holbrook Girls Soccer – Mike Bolger
Holbrook Boys Soccer – Mike Bolger
Holbrook Football – Mike Bolger
King Phillip Field Hockey – Liz Hathaway
Lawrence Academy Field Hockey – Samantha McMahon
Leominster Football – David Palazzi
Longmeadow Girls Soccer – Erin Capotosto
Lunenburg Football – Steve Boone
Masconomet Football – Jim Pugh
Mount Holyoke Women's Tennis – Aldo Santiago
Silver Lake Regional Girls Soccer – Scott Williams
Silver Lake Regional Boys Soccer – Daniel Correia
Swampscott Football – Steve Dembowski
Turners Falls Girls Soccer – Adam Graves
Turners Falls Field Hockey – Adam Graves
Turners Falls Football – Adam Graves

New Hampshire

Newport Girls Soccer - Meredith McAllister
Oyster River Boys Soccer - Corey Parker
Alvirne Football - Tim Walsh
Pembroke Academy Girls Soccer - Suzanne Klink
Pembroke Academy Boys Soccer - Suzanne Klink
Pembroke Academy Football - Suzanne Link
Pembroke Academy Field Hockey - Suzanne Link
Nashua North Girls Soccer - Igor Monteiro
Bishop Brady Football - Andrew Lathrop
Kearsage Girls Soccer - Tony Dozetell
Windham Girls Soccer - Matt Bryant
Steven's Football - Aaron House

Rhode Island

Bryant Univ. Football
Burrillville Football - Gennaro Ferraro
North Kingstown Football - Joe Gilmartin
Roger Williams Univ. Soccer - Marty Kelly
Smithfield Football - Tony Torregrossa
St Raphaels Adademy Football - Mike Sassi
Univ. of Rhode Island - Basketball 5K – Dan & Andrea Hurley
Westerly Girls' Soccer - Mackenzie Donnelly

Vermont

Spaulding Football - Patrick Merriam
South Burlington Football - Ed Hockenbury
South Burlington Boys Soccer - Ed Hockenbury
South Burlington Girls Soccer - Ed Hockenbury
South Burlington Field Hockey - Ed Hockenbury
Mt. Abraham Union Field Hockey - Mary Stetson
U32 Football - Amy Molina
Colchester Field Hockey - Molly DiMasi
Mount Anthony Football - John Martin
Colchester Football - Tom Perry

Your Donations at Work



Facing cancer is hard. Having to travel out of town for treatment can make it even harder. The American Cancer Society has a place where cancer patients and their caregivers can find help and hope when home is far away - an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.

Each Hope Lodge offers cancer patients and their caregivers a free place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city. Not having to worry about where to stay or how to pay for lodging allows guests to focus on getting well. Hope Lodge provides a nurturing, home-like environment where guests can retreat to private rooms or connect with others in the common areas. There are 31 Hope Lodge locations in the country with three serving patients here in New England – Boston, MA, Worcester, MA and Burlington, VT.

Coaches vs. Cancer Online

Visit: coachesvscancer.org/youth

- Register your team on-line
- Download resources for your event
- Raise money using the on-line donation feature
- Monitor your success on your custom team page



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