

# Coaches vs. Cancer of Connecticut Newsletter

### Our Mission:

To increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living among students, faculty, school staff, fans, and the community at large though yearround awareness efforts, fundraising activities and advocacy programs.

#### Letter From Your Youth Initiatives Staff Partner

Dear Coaches, Athletic Directors, Players and Supporters,

It's hard to believe that the winter sports season is starting to wind down. Congratulations to those teams that have secured places in the play-offs. The Coaches vs. Cancer program had a strong season with over 50 Connecticut high school and college teams hosting events to fight cancer.

Donations raised at these games will help fund research programs and support services provided to cancer patients and their families such as Hope Lodge. Each Hope Lodge offers cancer patients and their caregivers a free, temporary 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. There are three Hope Lodge locations in New England – Boston MA, Worchester, MA and Burlington VT. When you host a Coaches vs. Cancer event you are supporting these lodges and the hope and help they provide to cancer patients.

Thanks for your support of Coaches vs. Cancer and the American Cancer Society.

Kelly Stewart

American Cancer Society Youth Initiatives Coordinator for Connecticut

### Coaches vs. Cancer - Connecticut is now online!

### Visit:

### coaches.acsevents.org/ct

- · 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

Contact Kelly Stewart for assistance or registration information 203.563.1530

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### WINTER SPORTS VS. CANCER

The following teams hosted Coaches vs. Cancer events to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays

Brookfield Boys Basketball - Coach Thrall Berlin Girls Basketball Tournament – Coach King Bethel Boys Basketball - Coach Turek Bethel Girls Basketball - Coach Morgatto Bloomfield Girls Basketball – Coach Matthews Bunnell Girls Basketball – Coach Pacelli Cheshire Boys Basketball – Coach Lee Cheshire Girls Basketball - Coach Mik Daniel Hand Boys Basketball - Coach Rossi Eastern Connecticut Conference – All Basketball teams Boy & Girls Fairfield Ludlowe Boys Basketball- Coach Silverstro Fairfield Ludlowe Girls Basketball – Coach Huntington Fairfield Warde Boys Basketball – Coach Swaller Fairfield Warde Girls Basketball – Coach Danko Farmington Girls Basketball – Coach Crist Jonathan Law Basketball - Coach Dooley Masuk Boys Basketball – Coach DeGennaro Middletown Swim Team - Coach Charles

Newington Multi-Sport – AD Chris Meyers Ridgefield Boys Basketball – Coach Charles

New Canaan Girls Hockey – Coach Bulan

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Rockville Girls Basketball – Coach Caban

Shelton Boys Basketball - Coach Gardiner Shelton Girls Basketball - Coach Piccirillo

Wamogo Boys Basketball – Coach Hunt

Get your team involved and join these teams in the fight against cancer TODAY!

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### Collegiate Coaches vs. Cancer Games

Thanks to these colleges for hosting Coaches vs. Cancer Games

Southern Connecticut State – Coach Michael Donnelly
University of Hartford – Coach John Gallagher
Eastern Connecticut State – Coach Bill Geitner
Sacred Heart University – Coach David Bike
Yale University – Coach James Jones
Fairfield University – Coach Sydney Johnson
University of New Haven – Coach Ted Hotaling
Connecticut College – Coach Tom Satran
Mitchell College – Coach Todd Peretz & Coach Bern Macca
Quinnipiac University – Coach Tom Moore

It was great to have the support of these Connecticut schools in our first official year of working with colleges and universities. Thanks to the coaches, staff and players for their support of the Coaches vs. Cancer program and the American Cancer Society.





## ECC Hosts Seventh Annual Coaches vs. Cancer Event

The Eastern Connecticut Conference hosted it's seventh Annual Coaches vs. Cancer Event this February. Every boys' and girls' basketball team in the conference participated by hosting a Coaches vs. Cancer game between February 7-9. The Eastern Connecticut Conference was the first conference in Connecticut to organize a Coaches vs. Cancer event in which 100% of the league participates.

To show support for the American Cancer Society, coaches wore sneakers with their regular coaching attire and student-athletes wore pink wrist bands and ribbons. \$1 from each admission ticket sold at these games will be donated to the American Cancer Society. In the previous six years of this event, the ECC has donated over \$20,000 to the cause.

Thanks to the Athletic Directors, Coaches and Team Members of the ECC and to their commitment to the Coaches vs. Cancer program and the American Cancer Society.

Bacon Academy Norwich Free Academy

East Lyme Plainfield

Fitch Saint Bernard Academy

Griswold Stonington

Killingly Tourtellotte Memorial

Ledyard Waterford
Lyman Memorial Wheeler
Montville Windham

New London Woodstock Academy

### **Spring Sports Teams**

Join the fight against cancer!
The events are inspiring and easy to coordinate.
We have materials and fundraising ideas to help you develop a successful game plan.

Coaches - schedule your meeting today before your season starts!

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### Already hosting an event? Let us know!

We can assist with materials for your game and recognize your team in this newsletter and on the Coaches vs. Cancer – Connecticut Facebook page.

Submit your donation locally to:

American Cancer Society Coaches vs. Cancer or 38 Richards Ave. Norwalk, CT 06854 Attn: Kelly Stewart

### Look for us on facebook

### Coaches vs. Cancer - Connecticut

Submit photos and information about your game to be featured on facebook. Submit information to :

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