2012 CONNECTICUT’S FINEST
Honoring Outstanding Young Professionals
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

March 8, 2012 • 6pm-11pm • The Society Room
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Thank you to our 2012 Honorees for their outstanding dedication to the CF Foundation. We appreciate all the time and support you have given us to help with our life-saving mission: to find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

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- **Cocktail Hour & Silent Auction**
  - *Enjoy our Complimentary Wine and Specialty Cocktail Bar*
  - *Peruse our many silent auction tables*
  - *Visit the Photo Booth*
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- **Auction Checkout**

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“Connecticut’s Finest”

Name: Jennifer Begley
Title: Diabetes Sales Representative
Company: Eli Lilly USA
Education: University of Rhode Island, B.S. Dietetics

Star Spotlight: Jennifer, a Diabetes Sales Representative for Eli Lilly, was awarded a “Top 5% National Sales Award” in 2010. Named “Mrs. Connecticut America” in 2011, Jennifer is a committee member at the American Diabetes Association and captain of Team Red. She is an active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and is a supporter of the Clean Water Action of CT. Jennifer also supports Dress for Success as a volunteer and is an active member of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s “Connecticut’s Finest” event committee. Jennifer owned Mad Dawg’s Rock and Roll Saloon in downtown Hartford for 3 years and won 14 awards including “Best New Bar” and “Best Karaoke Bar” from the Hartford Advocate. Jennifer enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons (Taylor 2/2 and Brady 3 months) as well as snowboarding, traveling and dining out.

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Name: Michael Carbonetta
Title: Cost Reduction Manager
Company: Hamilton Sundstrand
Education: Lehigh University, B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Star Spotlight: Michael was recently promoted to Cost Reduction Manager at Hamilton Sundstrand in 2011. He is the founder of Mustaches for Kids Hartford, an annual fundraiser to help support the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center and was runner-up for the Mark Twain Award. As an enthusiastic runner, Michael founded the Greater Hartford Hash House Harriers, a running club in Connecticut with over 40 members and was a participant in the Annual Reach the Beach Relay Run in New Jersey. In addition to his philanthropic efforts, Michael has traveled to five continents and enjoys playing soccer, golfing and rock climbing.

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Name: Cassandra Davis
Title: Director of Marketing
Company: First Financial Associates, LLC
Education: University of Connecticut, B.A.

Star Spotlight: Cassandra has recently been appointed the Director of Marketing for First Financial Associates. A former employee of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Cassandra remains a dedicated supporter of CFF by participating as a committee member for both the Manchester Great Strides, and the “Connecticut’s Finest” event. In 2011, she led the effort for the “1st Annual UTC Operations United Way 5K” and was vital in developing the department’s fundraising efforts and has been a committee member and volunteer for the “South Windsor Historical Society’s Annual Golf Tournament” since 2008. Additionally, she has been a member of Hartford’s Young Professionals & Entrepreneurs (HYPE) since 2009 and is looking forward to participating on the Entrepreneurs Committee in 2012. Cassandra is also the Business Manager and an active member of the female a cappella group, The Sweetest Key. The mission of this non-profit group is to share their love of music with the community and do so by donating their services to countless charities across the state of CT.

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Name: Stacy Corbin
Title: Owner/Designer
Company: Addison Sage Designs
Education: STCC, Associates in Marketing and Certificate in Paralegal Studies from Branford Hall Career Institute

Star Spotlight: Stacy is the owner and designer of Addison Sage Designs, a company that specializes in children’s hats, headbands and barrettes. She volunteers her time as a Daisy Troop leader where she is able to spend time with her oldest daughter while helping young girls make a difference in the world. Stacy enjoys running special events to raise money for other organizations and loves cooking, camping, entertaining, watching football with her husband, Jeremy and reading to her three daughters.
Name: John McArdle  
Title: Physician  
Company: Connecticut Multispecialty Group/Hartford Hospital  
Education: University of Notre Dame, B.A.  
SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine, MD.

Star Spotlight: John, a physician at Hartford Hospital, was awarded "Teacher of the Year" in both 2004 and 2007 at the Yale Internal Medicine Residency Program. Along with those honors John received the Yale Internal Medicine Faculty Achievement Award for "Outstanding Clinical Care" in 2008 and has been a "Best Doctors Honoree" since 2007. John is also an avid runner and coaches Glastonbury soccer.

Name: Michael J. Pinette  
Title: Owner  
Company: Connecticut Comfort Control  
Education: Porter and Chester Institute, HVACR

Star Spotlight: Michael is the epitome of a hard worker. Not only is he the owner of Connecticut Comfort Control but is President of Thomaston Comfort Control, Sales and Operations Manager at Thomaston Oil Company, Co-owner of Thomaston Self Storage and Co-owner of Pin-Bro Associates. Michael is an active member of the Thomaston Rotary Club, a very large supporter of the Thomaston Food Pantry, the MS Walk and Bike ride, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Cycle for Life, and Diane Burr Memorial Flag Run. He volunteers on the hospitality committee for his church, is a volunteer soccer coach for the Harwinton Youth Sports Association, sponsors a little league team in Thomaston and is on the finance council for the St. Thomas Church. Michael started his philanthropic efforts after seeing the footage of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He started a donation site at his office and collected so much water and non-perishable items that an Armory truck came to pick up the donations to bring to Louisiana. Michael loves spending time with his wife, Breia, and family as well as golfing, boating and snowmobiling.

Name: Jessica Haynie  
Title: Commercial Ops Coordinator II  
Company: ESPN  
Education: Pepperdine University, B.S., Marketing

Star Spotlight: Jessica, a Commercial Ops Coordinator at ESPN, is also a proud member of several committees, including ESPN Women, ESPN Social Media Team, and ESPN Green Team. She leads a Training Committee that she created to improve training processes within Commercial Operations, as well as a Survey Action Team dedicated to improving department functionality and employee satisfaction. In the community, Jessica has volunteered with the Bristol Senior Center, Imagination Science Museum, and the Bristol Library's Cooking for Kids program. She has spearheaded Random Acts of Kindness, and is involved with Adopt-an-Angel, the Southington Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans, where she was able to assist in rebuilding homes after Hurricane Katrina. Jessica studied in London for a year and has traveled throughout Europe and to Egypt. In her spare time she can be found working on art projects, scrapbooking, baking, playing soccer and watching sports.

Name: James Samuel Pope (Sam)  
Title: M.D.  
Company: Connecticut Multispecialty Group  
Education: College of William and Mary, B.S., Biology and MD from the University of Virginia

Star Spotlight: Sam is an enthusiastic MD at the Connecticut Multispecialty Group and received the 2009 Resident Teaching Award at Hartford Hospital. Sam and his wife, Beth, are active members of the Lutheran Church in Vernon, their alma maters and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Sam is from the Appalachia Mountains of the western panhandle of Virginia and could do without the cold winters of New England. His favorite activities include reading, spending time with his family and vacationing. A huge fan of water sports, Sam has recently taken on kite-boarding and will be traveling to the Outer Banks this year to kite-board with his family.
Star Spotlight: Ray, a Communications Specialist at Pratt & Whitney, is an active member of the Hartford Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (HYPE) organization and was recently elected Vice Chair of HYPE’s Community Involvement Committee. He is a member of the Quinnipiac School of Communications Advisory Board and has raised money for Hands on Hartford as a part of The Hartford Half Marathon. Originally from New York, Ray has fallen in love with the city of Hartford and looks forward to doing everything he can to make it an even better place to live, work and visit. Before Ray turns 30, he plans to run a full marathon, travel to Europe, and see the US OPEN live. He is an avid New York sports fan and loves running and spending time with his younger brother and sister.

Star Spotlight: Erin, a Business Consultant with The Hartford, was recently featured by the “Connecticut Young Women’s Leadership Program” for her community service in the Hartford Area during their 30 day Civic Engagement Challenge in October. She has been a member of the Hartford Young Professional & Entrepreneurs (HYPE) organization for a number of years and is also co-chair of the Events Committee. Erin is a member of the Young Leaders Advisory Council at Hartford Hospital and is also a member of the Community Advisory Committee for the Hartford Hospital “Black and Red Gala”. She co-lead the “YoPros”, an Employee Resource Group at The Hartford, and was an Ad/Auction Volunteer Lead for the Greater Hartford YMCA Annual Event. For the last three years Erin has participated on the Dragon Boat Racing Team at the “Hartford Dragon Boat and Asian Festival” and in her free time, she enjoys playing the piano, raising her English bulldog puppy, and spending time with friends and family.

Star Spotlight: Sheila is Director of Sales and Market Development at The Hartford Insurance Company. Her current role includes management and development of several key industry programs including Public Sector and Higher Education. Sheila has worked in various roles in The Hartford’s group benefits division for the past seven years including disability product management, business implementation, operations and market development and is a graduate of The Hartford’s Leadership Pathways Program. A native of Connecticut, she graduated Summa cum laude from Rider University and represented the State of Connecticut in 2004 at the Miss USA pageant as Miss Connecticut USA. She has served on the planning committee for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Jeans for Genes Gala for the past three years and has served on the Board of Nikki’s Walk, Run, and Roll for Pediatric Cancer for the past six years. Sheila enjoys hiking, cross-country skiing, black and white photography, traveling and wine tasting.

Star Spotlight: Kaylin was recently promoted to Manager of Audience Research at ESPN by showing a penchant for sales and marketing and can be evidenced by the “Sales & Marketing Grand Slam Award” that she received in 2011 and the “Sales & Marketing Leadership Award” in 2010. She is an active member of ESPN’s “Green Team” and “Corporate Outreach Team”, which adopts a family at holiday time and volunteers at the Traveler’s PGA Golf Tournament as well as with Habitat for Humanity. When Kaylin isn’t working she can be found playing basketball on ESPN’s women’s intramural team and enjoys running, cooking, traveling and volunteering. Her latest project has her involved with a group of 10 women that pull together their own resources to help others in need. Their “random acts of kindness” include supplying new suits and formal wear to students at a local school and helping a family with a terminally ill 5 year old child afford a trip to Disney.

Star Spotlight: Kaylin Van Dusen
Title: Audience Research Manager
Company: ESPN
Education: SUNY Cortland, B.S., Sports Management, Economics

Star Spotlight: Sheila Wiatr
Title: Director, Sales and Market Development
Company: The Hartford
Education: Rider University, B.A., Psychology with a minor in Political Science

Star Spotlight: Erin Raymond
Title: Business Consultant
Company: The Hartford
Education: Central Connecticut State University, B.A. Sociology and Psychology

Star Spotlight: Ray Hernandez
Title: Communications Specialist
Company: Pratt & Whitney
Education: Quinnipiac University, B.A., Public Relations and M.S in Organizational Communications from Central Connecticut State University
Star Spotlight: Slated to graduate in May, Christopher is very dedicated to his studies at UConn and has developed a passion for Health Care in the US. Christopher was recently named President of the UConn Ski and Snowboard Club, which he helped grow to include over 250 members and is a member of the UConn Student Union Board of Governors, Concert Committee and the CT Ski Council. In high school, Christopher received the Hartwell Outstanding Character and Leadership Award and was Captain of the Ski Team at Glastonbury High School. As an active volunteer at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Chris dedicates his free time to lending a helping hand when needed. He also enjoys freestyle skiing, golfing, cooking, mountain biking and spending time with his family and friends.

Star Spotlight: Joe, an undergraduate at Emerson College, is taking great strides to make a difference in the community. He has raised more than $50,000 for local and national charities by decorating his parents’ home with a dazzling holiday lights display infamously named, “Joe’s Amazing Lights”. He has been featured in various media outlets such as Country 92.5, Fox 61 News, News Channel 8, the Guilford Courier, the Shoreline Times and the New Haven Register. The money he has raised has helped many foundations including St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, the American Cancer Society, the Guilford Animal Shelter, the Guilford Food Bank, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Besides his philanthropic efforts, Joe is the Treasurer, Class of 2012 at Emerson College and has received a Who’s Who in American Universities and Colleges Award in 2011, an EVVY Award for Most Outstanding Scenic Design, and Google Chrome Television Commercial – YouTube Selection 2011. Joe enjoys playing monopoly, the theater, tag sales and philanthropy.
Congratulations to Sam Pope, MD and John McArdle, MD on being recognized for 2012 Connecticut’s Finest Honorees. Hartford Hospital is proud to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s “Connecticut’s Finest” Young Professional’s event.
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Connecticut’s Finest Young Professionals - The Society Room, Hartford, CT (contact Caitlin: chowe@cff.org)

Great Strides Walk – Wickham Park, Manchester CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

May 12th (Sat)

Great Strides Walk – Ocean Beach Park, New London CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

Great Strides Walk – Pine Grove School, Avon CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

May 19th (Sat)

Great Strides Walk – JFK School, Enfield CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

Great Strides Walk – Coe Park, Torrington CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

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Great Strides Walk – Madison Surf Club, Madison CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

Great Strides Walk – Ballantine Park, Southbury CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

May 20th (Sun)

Great Strides Walk – Downtown, Stamford CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

Great Strides Walk – Danbury War Memorial, Danbury CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

Great Strides Walk – Jimmies of Savin Rock, West Haven CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

Great Strides Walk – Salmon Brook Park, Granby CT (9am check-in/10:00am start)

June 25th (Mon)

25th Annual Gillette Fusion Golf - Wethersfield Country Club, Wethersfield, CT (contact Paul: pdrury@cff.org)

August 6th (Mon)

Nell’s Challenge – TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, CT (contact Paul: pdrury@cff.org)

September 15th (Sat)

Great Strides Walk – Rotary Park, Putnam CT (contact Maria: mporto@cff.org)

October 7th (Sun)

CF Cycle for Life – Luciano Park, Westport, CT (contact Meredith: mmccaslin@cff.org)

October (TBD)

Stamford Wine Opener – Stamford, CT (contact Caitlin: chowe@cff.org)

November (TBD)

Sportscasters’ Super Ball – Rentschler Field, East Hartford (contact Paul: pdrury@cff.org)

For additional information on any of our events or to find out how you can get involved or join a committee please contact the Connecticut Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at (860) 632-7300. We are always looking for new volunteers and new ideas to help us enhance our events! "Like" us on Facebook to stay on top of all the latest CF news and events from around the state! Just visit http://www.facebook.com/CFFCT
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