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The CT Challenge Announces 2011 Grant Recipients Awards Fund Programs That Benefit Cancer Survivors

(Stamford, CT) It is the mission of the CT Challenge to help as many cancer survivors as possible and we are pleased to serve that mission by providing grants to support the survivorship programs of members of the statewide CT Challenge Survivorship Network and community based cancer support organizations.

“As a result of the extraordinary efforts of our cyclists and volunteers and the generosity of donors in 2010, we are able to extend financial support to 10 hospitals and cancer support organizations across Connecticut,” said Bob Mazzone, Executive Director. “The annual CT Challenge Bike Ride is the engine that drives this support. As the ride expands, our support for organizations across the state can increase. This formula represents a great synergy between caring, committed individuals and the local organizations that can actually help the cancer survivors in their lives.”

2011 Grant Recipients:

The Susan Fund:

Scholarships for Fairfield County students who have been treated for cancer.

Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport CT

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Torrington CT

Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, Hartford CT

Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam CT

ECHN (Eastern Connecticut Health Network), Manchester CT

Hartford Hospital, Hartford CT

Leever Cancer Center, Waterbury CT

Middlesex Hospital, Middletown CT

St. Vincent’s Medical Center, Bridgeport CT

About the CT Challenge: The Connecticut Challenge was founded in 2005 to create supportive care resources for cancer survivors. The organization currently supports survivorship programs throughout the state through the CT Challenge Survivorship Network. The CT Challenge also provides research grants, sponsors an annual summit for medical professionals and promotes survivor education and awareness events. The website is a statewide resource where survivors can find out about the issues they may face and locate programs and services that can help them. To date more than \$5 million has been raised to support survivorship programs, positively impacting the lives of thousands of CT Cancer survivors.