The Mission of the Jordan Porco Foundation is to prevent suicide in the high school, college and college entry student population that is often the end result of significant emotional disorders triggered by stress and/or not recognized within the person until it is too late. We do this in the name and spirit of Jordan Matthew Porco, who died by suicide in 2011.
Message from the President

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Clinical Advisors and Staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the donors, volunteers and community partners who have generously supported our suicide prevention and mental health promotion programs on college campuses.

Our growth and impact doubled from our previous year across Connecticut. In 2014, we welcomed the following new schools to our Fresh Check Day Network: Gateway, Norwalk and Three Rivers Community Colleges, Central and Southern Connecticut State University and Connecticut College. As a component of an annual suicide prevention strategy, many of the schools we worked with in 2013 integrated this programming as a tradition on their campus. The Jordan Porco Foundation hosted a total of 10 Fresh Check Days in 2014, impacting almost 5,000 students.

Our peer-to-peer messaging is creative, interactive and focuses on identifying students at risk, promoting social connectedness, developing life skills, and increasing help-seeking behaviors. Fresh Check Day is different from typical mental health programming because it creates a positive and relaxed environment to promote dialogue around mental health with a diverse group of students. The relaxed atmosphere of the program stimulates conversations around some of these more sensitive topics. Students realize that they are not alone in their struggles, that their school cares about their mental health, and that there is help available.

Your continued support for the growth of this program is needed. Student success must be measured holistically, not numerically. Sharing these values with students is an important step in changing the conversation about mental health for future generations of leaders. Please join us in continuing this mission across the United States. Together we can influence attitudes about mental health and make Fresh Check Day a national platform for change.

Marisa Giarnella-Porco
President, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer
GALA

On March 8, 2014 over 600 attendees gathered together at Mohegan Sun’s Uncas Ballroom to “imagine a world without suicide.” Comedian and mental health activist, Kevin Breel, keynoted the event, sharing his personal experience with depression and thoughts of suicide. Other speakers and appearances included University of Connecticut Athletic Director, Warde Manuel, Governor Malloy, Congressman Larson, and performances by Will Evans. Elaborate food stations, silent and live auctions, and moving conversations amongst our generous donors about mental health and suicide made Jordan’s Journey 2014 a night to remember.

LAZ GOLF OUTING

JPF was honored to be a beneficiary of the LAZ Parking Charity Golf Tournament again this year. The tournament was held on September 15, 2014 at Tunxis Plantation in Farmington, CT. The event featured great food, fun prizes, and heartfelt speeches as more than 200 golfers participated.

“We have no doubt that this event saves lives (we have heard specific stories to evidence this) and in the end our faith was incredibly well-placed.”

- Dr. Betsy Cracco, University of Connecticut
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**Allocation of 2014 Operating Revenue**

- **General Expenses**: 9%
- **Program Expenses**: 31%
- **Fundraising Expenses**: 12%
- **Endowment**: 48%
FRESH CHECK DAY

In 2014, we doubled the number of campuses hosting Fresh Check Days. Ten colleges in Connecticut held events: some for the second time (UConn, Fairfield University, Sacred Heart University, and Mitchell College) and others for the first time (Southern Connecticut State University, Norwalk Community College, Connecticut College, Three Rivers Community College, Gateway Community College, and Central Connecticut State University). Nearly 5,000 college students attended a Fresh Check Day in 2014. Highlights included dynamic speaking engagements by Ross Szabo and Anne Kubitsky, new booth activities, peer-to-peer messaging, three indoor events, and attendance from university presidents and other high level administrators and several state and national politicians. Central Connecticut State University was awarded the first Outstanding Fresh Check Day Campus award for their significant attendance, strong messaging, and student involvement at their 2014 Fresh Check Day.

MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS

In 2014, six colleges used Fresh Check Day as a platform to identify students at risk. Nine hundred college students were screened for depression or alcohol abuse during Fresh Check Day and many were referred to necessary services.

TRANSITION YEAR AND NINE OUT OF TEN

The Jordan Porco Foundation serviced 1,000 students, both high school and college level, with transition year programming. Nine out of Ten was featured in front of nearly 5,000 students at ten Fresh Check Days in Connecticut in 2014. Additionally, 270 RAs at the University of Connecticut received a Nine out of Ten informational presentation. JPF also trained over 100 young people in GPR suicide prevention gatekeeper training.
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We thank you.

“It is very clear to me that the Jordan Porco Foundation has a platform in place to change university communities and motivate young people to help themselves and support their friends.”

- Jason F. Sikorski, Ph.D.,
Central Connecticut State University

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