



The Joe Garassino Foundation



Support Connecticut families whose lives have been affected by cancer.



About The Joe Garassino Foundation

Joe Garassino, 28, grew up in Watertown, CT and was building his career when he was diagnosed with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma or cancer of the bile duct in June, 2012. His cancer was aggressive and unstoppable and seven months later on January 20, 2013, Joe died. While cancer overtook Joe's body, it never altered his indomitable spirit. Joe was deeply loved by his family and friends and we knew how much he loved all of us.

The Joe Garassino Foundation was founded by his dad, Mike Garassino in honor and memory of Joe. The Foundation's goal is to support research and build awareness for rare cancers and other cancers. It strives to be a beacon of light and hope for families facing a cancer crisis by offering financial support from the local community.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Joe Garassino Foundation is to provide resources to those diagnosed with all types of cancer. The Foundation also contributes to cancer awareness and research so that one day we can live in a world where we don't lose our loved ones to cancer.

How You Can Help:

Make a tax-deductible 501(c)(3) donation to show support for local families. Over the last 7 years the Joe Garassino Foundation through the generous support of our community has been able to provide financial support to many families from the greater Waterbury area whose lives have been disrupted by a cancer diagnosis.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please fill in the information below and mail to:

Joe Garassino Foundation Inc. PO Box 81 Watertown, CT 06795

You can also make your gift online at: <http://www.joegarassino.org/donations>

For more information, please call or email Mike Garassino at (203) 592-0001 or info@joegarassino.org

With your support we can continue to do more.

Please flip over and take a moment to read a letter from the President of The Joe Garassino Foundation

Please enclose check payable to:
Joe Garassino Foundation Inc.

Please accept my gift of:

Name: _____

\$250 (Green Donor)

Address: _____

\$500 (Support Donor)

City, State, Zip: _____

\$1,000 (Hope Donor)

Contact: _____

\$2,500 (Vision to a Cure Donor)

Telephone: _____

Other Amount \$ _____

Email: _____

Message from President, Joe Garassino Foundation

Cancer touches the lives of many in our community and it seems we all know someone who is battling this illness or a family who has been affected. Cancer is the epidemic of our time.

In 2013, I lost my only son, Joe, to an aggressive and rare cancer. The Joe Garassino Foundation was established in my son's memory to help others fighting cancer in the greater Waterbury, Connecticut area. Due to the donations and generosity of our greater community, we have made a real impact in our community. We have donated \$125,000 over the last 7 years to help many local people afflicted with cancer including:

- Sean Agunda - 30 years old
- Aiden Bigos - 9 years old
- Nicholas Burgio - 3 years old
- Liam Cahill - 7 years old
- Jose Campanario - 16 years old
tennis player
- Annie Chicoine - mid-40's
Breast Cancer survivor
- Tom Cocchiola - 45 years old,
father & husband
- Theresa Combs - 19 years old
- Sheila Cooper - loving wife
- Diane Currier - 55 years old
- Paul DeCarolis - Fireman
- Angelo DeFeo - 12 years old
- Jennifer Demuro - College student
- Megan DiPietro - 36 years old
mom of 3 young children
- Jaden Edwards - 17 years old
attending Kaynor Tech
- Téa Fernandez - 3 years old
- Matty Garcia - 8 years old
- Tim Gavallas - Policeman
- Javier Gonzalez - 16 years old
- Roosevelt Green - 21 years old
- Mitchell Kamph - 20 years old
- Kendall Lord - 4 years old
- Brittney Mann - 29 years old
- Brayden Marrero - 3 years old
- Khloe Martinez - 6 years old
- Silas Matthew - 4 years old
- Ethan McGettigan - 3 years old
- Linval Mills - 14 years old
- Kim Tobin-Mix - Mother of two children
- Griffin Moore - 22 years old
- Christopher Norcera - 43 years old
- Greg O'Brien - Communications Supervisor for
Watertown Police & Fire Departments
- Jacob Roger Poulin - 5 years old
- Duncan Ralicki - 15 years old
- Kathleen Santiso - Dear friend
- Jon Seniors - 17 years old
- Bob Simko - 58 years old / U.S. Navy
- Andrea Strachan - Single mom
- Xander White - 5 years old
- Lynn White - 54 years old
single mom of 4 children
- Dorota Wilk - Taft Graduate, CFO Rumsey Hall,
Hill School & Hopkins School

In Loving Memory:

Sheila Cooper • Paul DeCarolis • Steven Eazarsky • Jacob Roger Poulin

The Joe Garassino Foundation has also supported local organizations including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Harold Leever Cancer Center of Waterbury, CT, the Elizabeth M. Pfriem SWIM Center for Cancer Care of St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport, CT, and the TargetCancer Foundation.

The hole in my own heart will never heal, but together we can make a difference in the lives of families in our local community. Thank you for your help, without your generosity, compassion and contribution, none of this would be possible.

*Sincerely Yours,
Mike Garassino
President, Joe Garassino Foundation*