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The Connecticut Cancer Foundation (CCF), formally known as the Connecticut Sports Foundation, will be hosting their first annual 2017 Brewer Pilots Point Marina/Sea Tow Fishing Against Cancer Tournament to raise money to benefit CT cancer patients and their families. The event will be held on Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th, 2017 at the Brewer Pilots Point Marina in Westbrook, CT. At the conclusion of the event, \$10,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to both the top fishermen and the top fundraisers.

The Fishing Against Cancer Tournament is Connecticut's premier catch-and-release fishing tournament organized by the Connecticut Cancer Foundation. The foundation's mission is to financially assist cancer patients and their families. CCF provides financial assistance to CT cancer patients and their families by helping to pay basic living expenses such as rent, mortgage, and utilities.

\*The CT Cancer Foundation provided over \$450,000 in financial aid last year to cancer patients and their families in CT. Founder and Chairman, John Ellis explains.

This event is unique because in addition to CT cancer patients who will be assisted, there is also a pediatric cancer patient "ambassador." Ambassadors and their families receive a much larger grant that CCF can typically provide. The ambassador for the Fishing Against Cancer Tournament is three-year-old Joshua. Joshua is an energetic and fun-loving little boy with a huge smile and an even bigger heart. Unfortunately, he was recently diagnosed with leukemia; if that isn't hard enough, his family is also currently homeless and staying at Ronald McDonald house in New Haven. CCF is eager to help this family find permanent housing and relieve some of their financial burden.

"Because of the Fishing Against Cancer Tournament, the Ambassador family will receive a much larger grant than we can typically provide," Ellis said. "The rest of the money raised that day will provide aid to cancer patients throughout the state through our CT Cancer Patient Assistance Fund. It is a great way to help cancer patients in CT, while also really helping a local family that is fighting this disease."

Participating in the Brewer Pilots Point Marina/ Sea Tow Fishing Against Cancer Tournament is a fun way to make a difference for CT cancer patients while enjoying the beauty of the Long Island Sound. After the tournament, participants can enjoy locally sourced food, beer, and live music! Tickets will also be sold at the door for anyone not participating in the fishing tournament.

People are asked to form teams, raise money, and come together for a great weekend of fishing and fundraising! Each team is asked to work together and raise a \$1,000 goal. Registration is \$50 per participant, which will be applied to the team's fundraising. To be eligible for prizes, participants must be on a team that has met the \$1,000 fundraising goal. For complete rules and to register for the 2017 Brewer Pilots Point Marina/Sea Tow Fishing Against Cancer Tournament on Friday, September 15th and

Saturday, September 16th, 2017, please visit <http://www.fishingagainstcancer.org>