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Dear Friends of the Patrick Comer Courage Foundation:

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

In support of our Mission, the *Patrick Comer Courage Foundation* wants to do our part to create a greater awareness about this disease by informing our network of friends. Although it is the 4th leading cause of cancer deaths, pancreatic cancer is the least understood of all the major cancer killers. Please visit our website to learn more about this terrible disease.

As 2012 comes to a close, I hope you will continue to support the *Patrick Comer Courage Foundation* with a tax deductible donation. Your gift can be made on line at www.comercourage.org, or you may send a check to the Patrick Comer Courage Foundation, P.O. Box 282, Princeton, MA 01541-0282.

After much consideration we have decided to forego the two fundraising events we have sponsored on behalf of the Foundation: the annual golf tournament and the ski race. Both events are costly to run so the net benefit to the Foundation does not warrant the investment of time and resources. I would love to be able to say 100% of your donation benefits the *Patrick Comer Courage Foundation* – that is the case with donations made in response to this direct mail request, but only 65% with the events.

If you have participated in either event in the past, I hope you will consider gifting the amount you would spend on the event as your 2012 contribution to the Foundation. Since you are not receiving any goods or services in return for your donation (golf or skiing), **your total gift is 100% deductible.**

Since becoming a 501 (c) (3) foundation and public charity in February 2009, the *Patrick Comer Courage Foundation* has accomplished much. We have made a difference in the lives of many cancer patients and their families. We have also contributed significantly to pancreatic cancer awareness and research programs in Worcester, Boston and Los Angeles.

In addition to these grants, PCCF also funds financial aid scholarships at Saint John's High School for graduates of Worcester's Nativity School, ensuring that a Saint John's education is available to inner city boys who could not ordinarily afford such an education. As a 1990 graduate of Saint John's, I am sure Patrick would be very proud of this. In fact, the first recipient of his scholarship is now a freshman at Assumption College, also Patrick's alma mater!

We are asking all who are on Facebook or other social networks to please help us circulate this appeal letter. Together we can make a difference in the lives of others in memory of Patrick.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Jim Comer, President, Patrick Comer Courage Foundation