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### **Our Purpose:**

The Christopher Emmet Hallowell Fund (CEH Fund), created by his friends and family, seeks to perpetuate Christopher's living memory of experiencing life to its fullest potential. One of Christopher's most cherished beliefs was that, despite illness, many of his opportunities were the result of the ever present support he received from his family during treatment. This support strengthened Christopher's resolve not to allow illness to take away from his quality of life. The CEH Fund seeks to perpetuate Christopher's legacy by providing financial assistance to families for incidental and unexpected expenses while caring for a child or young adult with a severe illness, thus allowing family members to provide the same continuous love and support that so greatly impacted the quality of Christopher's life.

### **Eligibility Guidelines:**

For families or individuals caring for severely ill children or young adults living in Essex, Clinton or Franklin counties of New York State. Funding amounts will be made by weighing the following criteria: family need, other extenuating financial circumstances and actual funding available through the Fund at the time of the request. Grants will be made for one year, but applicants may reapply annually for continued funding. Copies of expense receipts must be provided if applicable. Financial assistance given through the CEH Fund cannot be used for medical care or treatment. However, a brief note from a doctor or other relevant third party explaining the medical need is recommended. These funds are not a replacement for medical insurance or the costs associated with securing insurance.

### **Christopher Emmet Hallowell**

***February 3, 1972 – December 12, 2002***

Christopher Emmet Hallowell was born on February 3, 1972. At 15 months of age, he was diagnosed with leukemia and underwent extensive treatment with his mother, father, three brothers and sister always by his side. Despite the damage this treatment had on his heart and lungs, Christopher lived the full life as he defined it.

In 1988 he underwent a successful heart/lung transplant operation. Recovery was again sustained through the constant support of his friends and family allowing Christopher to once again embrace all his loves in life. He spent winters skiing, shopping, and attending college. Summertime was spent boating, knee boarding, and his favorite – fly fishing. Never once allowing the life he chose to be modified by the illnesses his body experienced.

In November, 2002, he entered Massachusetts General Hospital for further treatment. As always, his mother Daphne, and his father Lee were by his side watching TV, checking e-mails, and reading. Brothers and sister, in-laws, nieces and nephews visited daily calling ahead to get orders for new music, new magazines, and new ideas for take out!

On the night before he passed away, Christopher joked with a friend who had stopped by for a visit saying, "Thank God you came in, I need a break from the family!" But he knew that his life and his spirit had been sustained because of the constant love and support of his family. On December 12, 2002 Christopher Emmet Hallowell passed away leaving behind a family and a community of supporters.