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COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARITIES OF NEW ENGLAND WELCOMES CONNECTICUT SPORTS FOUNDATION AGAINST CANCER TO ITS EXPANDING NETWORK OF HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

June 21, 2011 – The Connecticut Sports Foundation Against Cancer (CSF) based in Old Saybrook, CT but providing services throughout Connecticut has joined Community Health Charities of New England’s (CHCofNE) regional network of health organizations as its newest member charity. The non-profit CHCofNE is a federation of health agencies that raises charitable contributions in the workplace, advances health and wellness education programs and promotes volunteerism. There are now 44 agencies dealing with chronic diseases and disabilities that are part of CHCofNE’s network of health organizations in Connecticut.

“ The Foundation is a wonderful addition to our network of credible and respected area health organizations,” said Gary Kozak, president and CEO of CHCofNE. “The Connecticut Sports Foundation Against Cancer will support our mission, which is to help improve the lives of those with chronic diseases and disabilities and to help fund research leading to new treatments and cures. We welcome them to the Federation of Health Charities who provides funding to promote programs, education, and research.

All CHCofNE member agencies participate in a rigorous annual review by a volunteer charity relations committee. The Connecticut Sports Foundation Against Cancer’s mission is to financially assist Connecticut cancer patients and their families and to fund cancer research. CSF is

committed to reducing the burden of cancer for CT cancer patients and their families. CSF is a unique organization in Connecticut that provides direct financial assistance to Connecticut cancer patients for rent/mortgage, utilities, car payments, medical co-pays, food, medications, fuel and transportation to and from hospital/medical centers. Patients are referred to CSF via a network of oncology social workers at Connecticut hospitals and cancer centers. Resources are provided with dignity and privacy, helping patients maintain self-respect while lessening the stress that may inhibit their recovery. CSF raises additional funds to support ongoing cancer research at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. For more information, visit www.sportsfoundation.org

CHCofNE conducts hundreds of workplace giving campaigns in businesses throughout New England each year that exclusively benefit leading health agencies. Funds are designated to the specific disease or disability of the employee's choosing. In addition, CHCofNE offers its "Health Matters at Work®" program, which provides ongoing health education and resources for employees of the companies participating in its workplace fundraising. For more information, contact Jane Ellis, President and Executive Director at 860-388-0788.

Community Health Charities of New England (CHCofNE) headquartered in Hartford, Conn., is a non-profit organization committed to advancing health and wellness in the workplace by conducting workplace giving campaigns, providing health and wellness education programs and promoting volunteerism. Its mission for more than 40 years has been to increase awareness of member charities and raise funds to help improve the lives of those affected by chronic disease and disability. Dedicated exclusively to raising funds in the workplace for health charities, CHCofNE connects the nation's leading health charities to businesses and employees throughout New England. Member charities include the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Alzheimer's Association, March of Dimes Foundation and Autism Speaks. CHCofNE serves Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Vermont and is the largest affiliate of the national organization, Community Health Charities of America. For more information, visit www.chcofne.org.