Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the profile of Expect Miracles Foundation?

**Organization:** a public charity, tax ID # 20-4127495  
**Location:** Boston, MA  
**Founded:** 1995 by Frank Strauss  
**Programs:** grants for cancer research and patient care  
**Niche:** financial services industry  
**Impact:** granted over $10M  
**Website:** www.expectmiraclesfoundation.org

2. What is the profile of The Samfund?

**Organization:** a program of Expect Miracles Foundation  
**Location:** Boston, MA  
**Founded:** 2003 by Samantha Watson  
**Programs:** financial assistance for young adult cancer survivors, financial education, advocacy  
**Niche:** Young Adults  
**Impact:** granted over $2M to over 1,000 Young Adults  
**Website:** www.thesamfund.org

3. How do you know each other?

Expect Miracles Foundation awarded grants to The Samfund in 2012, 2013, and 2014 and a bond was formed as a result of a shared admiration, philosophy and vision.

4. Why is this merger happening?

Together, we can amplify our supporters’ collective impact by providing greater and more comprehensive support to those affected by cancer.

5. Has the organization’s mission changed?

The spirit of both organizations’ purpose will continue in our new mission: to rally the financial services industry and beyond to invest in life-saving cancer research while advancing the financial and emotional health of people impacted by cancer.
6. What is the vision of the new organization?

To connect those who have resources with those in need so we can save lives and improve outcomes.

7. Will I still be able to support the program I have supported in the past?

Yes. You may direct your donation to support any of our Funds: The Samfund for Young Adult Cancer Survivors, The Expect Miracles Discovery Fund for the Robert and Rene Belfer Center for Applied Cancer Science at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, or The Expect Miracles Foundation Center for Experimental Therapeutics Heller Research Fund at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

8. Will The Samfund still exist?

Yes! The only change is that The Samfund is no longer a stand-alone charity, but rather a program of Expect Miracles Foundation. The Samfund’s next grant cycle is opening on July 17, 2019.

9. Can I still donate to The Samfund?

Yes! Please make your donation to Expect Miracles Foundation and note that you’d like it to be designated for Samfund programs.

10. May I support multiple programs with my donation?

Yes. When you make a donation, you will be able to designate a single program or multiple programs that you want to support with your donation.

11. Who are the Miracle Makers, and how does this merger affect them?

The Miracle Maker Leadership Council (MMLC) is the name of our annual major donor circles. Miracle Makers may designate which program or programs they would like to support with their donation, and if they choose to support more than one of our programs, the allocation of their donation between the programs.

12. What is YPEM and how does this merger affect it?

Young Professionals Expect Miracles (YPEM) is our young adult networking group in Boston and New York that holds fun fundraising events. Of the net proceeds of YPEM events, 75% will now support The Samfund for Young Adult Cancer Survivors and 25% will support our cancer research funds.

13. I have fundraised funds for your organization in the past by running in a marathon, etc. Will I still be able to do that?

Yes! Anyone who raises funds for us by running a race, such as a marathon or 5K, or for any event, such as your birthday on Facebook, can decide what program their fundraiser will support. So if you ran the Boston Marathon in the past to support our cancer research fund at Dana-Farber, you could do that again, or you could raise money for The Samfund, or the research fund at Memorial Sloan Kettering. The choice is yours!
14. How can I make a donation?

You can make a donation in any of the same ways you have done in the past: by credit card via either of our websites, by check, by donor advised fund. Checks should be made out to Expect Miracles Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 51267 Boston, MA 02205. Be sure to indicate towards which program(s) you wish to designate your gift.

15. Are there plans to expand the direct assistance program beyond Young Adults?

Yes, but not immediately. We believe the experience we’ve gained over 16 years of supporting young adults with The Samfund can be used to help additional populations of people impacted by cancer.

16. What does the new organization look like and where will you be located?

Our staff of 9 will be located in a new suite in the same building in which The Samfund has resided: 89 South Street, Suite 701, Boston, MA 02111. The Management Team consists of Frank Heavey (Executive Director), Sam Watson (Managing Director of Stewardship, Founder of The Samfund), Michelle Landwehr (Director of Programs & Operations), and Maggie Dombroski (Director of Development & Events).

17. Are there any leadership changes as a result of the merger?

The following Samfund Trustees are now Directors on the Expect Miracles Foundation Board of Directors: Steve Bandrowczak, Lex Friedman, Sharon Karsten, and Corey Peterson. Steve Bandrowczak has been named Co-Vice Chairman of the Board along with current Vice Chairman Gary Enos.

18. What will happen to the events you have hosted in the past?

We will continue to host the same events as in the past: The Expect Miracles in Manhattan charity cocktail gala, the West Coast Classic charity golf tournament in CA, the East Coast Classic charity golf tournament in MA, the Atlantic Coast Classic charity golf tournament in NJ, the Wine & Spirits charity cocktail gala in Boston, The Samfund Annual Celebration in NY, and the various young professionals events in Boston and New York.

19. Who do I contact if I have questions?

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