



## Why Support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation?

Thank you for considering support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's mission to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide *all* people with the disease the opportunity to lead full, productive lives by funding research and drug development, promoting individualized treatment and ensuring access to high-quality, specialized care.

- **Leading the Fight for a Cure** · The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CF Foundation) is the world's leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis. Nearly every cystic fibrosis (CF) drug and therapy available today, including two new drugs that treat the underlying cause of the disease, was made possible by the Foundation's support and ongoing work and collaboration with researchers in the search for a cure for CF.
- **Adding Tomorrows** · The life expectancy of an individual with CF has increased by more than tenfold because of advances in research and care made possible by the CF Foundation. In 1955, a child with CF rarely lived long enough to attend elementary school. Today, the median predicted age of survival is over 40 years old. Real progress is being made, but the lives of people with CF are still cut far too short.
- **On the Forefront of Medical Research** · The CF Foundation is at the forefront of rare disease research. Over the past 25 years, CF research has led to dramatic improvements in life expectancy and exciting results, including discovery of the defective CF gene and the introduction of two disease-modifying therapies, could pave the way toward a cure for CF and other diseases. The Foundation will continue to invest heavily in science and groundbreaking technologies such as gene editing, RNA therapy, and stem cell biology, to create an active pipeline of promising drugs and therapies in the search for a cure.
- **Private Funding** · The CF Foundation relies on individual and corporate donations to support CF research towards a cure. Over the past 25 years, it has taken the CF Foundation almost \$3 billion to achieve the results we have today, and the fight continues. The CF Foundation is a leader in venture philanthropy and will not rest until we have a cure for *all* people living with CF.
- **Effective and Accountable** · The CF Foundation is recognized globally for its effectiveness and for its leadership as a pioneer in venture philanthropy to support CF research. The Foundation is an accredited charity of the Better Business Bureau, meeting all of its standards for charitable accountability, and takes pride in being a careful steward of every dollar raised in the fight for a cure.
- **No Longer Exclusively a Childhood Disease** · Today, approximately half of the CF population is over the age of 18. About 30,000 people in the U.S. and 70,000 people worldwide are living with CF and struggle to breathe on a daily basis, and many still lose their battles. Approximately one in every 31 American is a symptomless carrier of the defective CF gene. Couples with both carriers have a one-in-four chance of having a child with CF.

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**Important Note on Attendance at Foundation Events** · To reduce the risk of getting and spreading germs at CF Foundation-sponsored events, we ask that everyone follow basic best practices by regularly cleaning your hands with soap and water or with an alcohol-based hand gel, covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your inner elbow and maintaining a safe six-foot distance from anyone with a cold or infection.

Medical evidence shows that germs may spread among people with CF through direct and indirect contact as well as through droplets that travel short distances when a person coughs or sneezes. These germs can lead to worsening symptoms and speed decline in lung function. To further help reduce the risk of cross-infection, the Foundation's attendance policy recommends inviting only one person with CF to attend the indoor portion of a Foundation-sponsored event at a specific time. For the outdoor portion, the Foundation recommends that all people with CF maintain a safe 6-foot distance from each other at all times.