



65 Roses Baseball Fan Club  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm  
PNC Park  
[events.cff.org/65rosesbaseball](http://events.cff.org/65rosesbaseball)

Dear Fans,

Steve Blass has been with the Pittsburgh Pirates Organization for 60 seasons. Steve's many victories with the Pirates began in 1960 and led to a flawless performance of throwing two complete game victories in the 1971 World Series. In January of 2019, Steve announced that after 34 years of holding the title of the longest tenured broadcaster in team history, he will be hanging up his headset. Steve is a hero, not only for his amazing performance within the Pirates organization, but also for the work that he has done for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation throughout his career.

Steve Blass quickly learned about cystic fibrosis when his nephew, Robert, was diagnosed at 8 weeks old. His personal connection with cystic fibrosis has fueled the passion behind his efforts within the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He has been a trailblazer for our 65 Roses Baseball Club, and we are so grateful for all that he has done for the foundation. He and his broadcast partner, Greg Brown, serve the foundation as the honorary chairs of the 65 Roses Baseball Club. Steve and Greg have always made time to attend the receptions and speak to the attendees about the Pirates and their passion for life on and off the field.

In honor of Steve and his commitment to the 65 Roses Baseball Club, we are dedicating the 2019 club season to him. To celebrate Steve's accomplishments and dedication, please join us by becoming a fan of the 65 Roses Baseball Club! Let's make this year the best yet to honor Steve Blass for his many years of support!

Please look at the 65 Roses Baseball Fan Club options and consider becoming one today! For more information, please visit [65rosesbaseballclub.eventscff.org](http://65rosesbaseballclub.eventscff.org) (note to reviewer, this website will change). Thank you for your consideration of joining the fight against cystic fibrosis.

Sincerely,

Mary Pat Joseph



### **What is the 65 Roses Baseball Fan Club?**

You can join this exciting fan club by making a pledge to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for every home run the Pirates hit in the 2019 Season. There are 4 levels of support and sponsorship opportunities. Please visit the event website, [65rosesbaseballclub.eventscff.org](http://65rosesbaseballclub.eventscff.org), for more details.

### **What is cystic fibrosis?**

Cystic fibrosis is a rare, genetic, life-shortening disease that affects every organ in the body and makes breathing difficult. Some people with the disease say it's like breathing through a narrow straw. In people with CF, a defective gene causes a thick buildup of mucus in the lungs, pancreas and other organs. In the lungs, the mucus clogs the airways and traps bacteria, leading to life-threatening lung infections. Sixty years ago, most children did not live long enough to attend elementary school, but thanks to Foundation-based research and care, the median survival age of people with CF is now into the 40's. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world's leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis. Nearly every CF-specific drug available today and the highly specialized approach to caring for those with CF was made possible because of the Foundation and our supporters. Dramatic improvements in life expectancy and better quality of life for people with CF have resulted from a world-renowned, comprehensive approach to medical care that is coordinated for nearly 90 percent of people with this disease. Care is provided through a national network of care centers that is established and accredited by the Foundation. These advancements would not be possible without the support and generosity of our families and friends!

### **Our Mission**

The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is 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. **We will not rest until we find a cure for all people with cystic fibrosis.**

**Questions? Please contact us at:**

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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 6-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.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has unrestricted financial reserves of about 13 times its 2018 budgeted expenses, following a one-time royalty sale in 2014. These funds, along with the public's continuing support, are needed to help accelerate our efforts to pursue a lifelong cure for this fatal disease, fund development of new therapies and help all people with CF live full, productive lives. To obtain a copy of our latest annual report, visit <https://www.cff.org/About-Us/Reports-and-Financials/>, email [info@cff.org](mailto:info@cff.org) or call 800 FIGHT-CF. The official registration and financial information of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement