

TOP TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT

THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

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The Foundation is adding *tomorrows*.

When the Foundation was established, children born with cystic fibrosis were not expected to live long enough to attend elementary school. Today, thanks to research and care supported by the Foundation, many people with CF are living into their 30s, 40s and beyond.

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The Foundation is leading the quest for *new treatments* and *a cure*.

The Foundation has raised and committed hundreds of millions of dollars to help develop CF drugs and therapies. Virtually every approved CF drug available today was made possible because of Foundation support, and research to find a cure is more promising than ever before.

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The Foundation is *making history*.

Foundation-backed researchers discovered the defective gene that causes CF in 1989. In 2012, the FDA approved the first drug to treat the underlying cause of cystic fibrosis for a small segment of the CF population. This marks a historic breakthrough for the entire CF community, and the science behind the drug has opened exciting new doors to research and development that may eventually lead to a cure for all people living with CF.

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The Foundation is *efficient*.

The Foundation is an accredited charity of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, meeting all of its Standards for Charitable Accountability. We take great pride in being one of the most efficient and effective organizations of our kind, and are careful stewards of every dollar raised in support of our mission.

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The Foundation is *making a difference.*

Today, approximately half of all people with CF are age 18 or older, thanks to wise investments made by the Foundation in research and comprehensive care.

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The Foundation is *strategic.*

The Foundation's unique approach to drug discovery has yielded a "pipeline" of potential therapies that attack the disease from every angle. We support a broad range of research efforts, which have led to potential therapies that combat the symptoms of CF as well as those that address the root cause of the disease.

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The Foundation is *taking action.*

Working with a network of volunteers across the country, the Foundation provides people with CF a voice in Congress. The Congressional CF Caucus has 146 members, making it one of the largest caucuses in Congress.

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The Foundation is *forward-thinking.*

To supplement contributions raised by its dynamic agenda of special fundraising events, the Foundation's individual giving, Milestone major gifts and annual fund campaigns have raised hundreds of millions of dollars to help accelerate the development of new treatments for CF.

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The Foundation is *innovative.*

The Foundation's unique business model has been recognized by the National Institutes of Health and by publications such as *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Business Week*.

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The Foundation is *far-reaching.*

The Foundation has 75 chapters throughout the country and supports and accredits a nationwide network of more than 110 CF care centers, which diagnose and treat nearly all CF patients in the U.S.