Grand Chefs EXPERIENCE

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Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - Illinois Chapter

March 6, 2027 | 6:00PM - 12:00AM

The Field Museum | 1400 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

cffgrandchefs.com

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CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION®

The Grand Chefs Experience

offers a wonderful opportunity for your company to make a meaningful impact in the fight against cystic fibrosis while demonstrating your commitment to a vital cause.

In 2026, the Grand Chefs Experience raised more than $640,000 to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. We are excited to once again host this premier culinary event, welcoming more than 700 guests for an exclusive evening featuring signature hors d'oeuvres, handcrafted cocktails, and exceptional experiences.

The evening will also feature an inspiring program highlighting the story of a CF Fighter, opportunities to support groundbreaking research and innovative treatments, and an exciting live auction; all helping advance our mission to find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

Our Mission

The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead long, fulfilling lives by funding research and drug development, partnering with the CF community, and advancing high-quality, specialized care.

About Cystic Fibrosis

In people with cystic fibrosis, a defective gene causes a thick buildup of mucus in the lungs, pancreas, and other organs. In the lungs, mucus clogs the airways and traps bacteria, leading to infections, extensive lung damage, and respiratory failure.

More than 40,000 people are living with cystic fibrosis in the U.S.

More than **800** new cases are diagnosed each year.

People with CF often take **dozens** of pills per day to stay healthy.

0 cures exist for cystic fibrosis.

Corporate sponsors play a vital role in fueling our mission and bringing our community together. Your partnership not only helps us raise critical funds for research and care, but also creates powerful moments of hope and connection at our events. Together, we are making a lasting impact for people living with cystic fibrosis.

-Michael P. Boyle, MD.

President and CEO, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

We won't stop until we cure cystic fibrosis.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is leading the way for bold, cutting-edge research, our best shot at a cure for **everyone** with cystic fibrosis. CF continues to steal lives far too young and places a tough burden on those who live with the disease. That's why we're not settling for partial progress. While fighting for a cure, at the same time, we're conducting research to address the health complications associated with CF.

We need your support.

Corporate partners are essential to accelerating progress and building stronger communities nationwide. By joining us, your company can make a lasting difference in the lives of people with cystic fibrosis while inspiring employees and elevating your brand.

Engage Your Employees

- Inspire teams by rallying around a powerful cause
- Create leadership and team-building experiences
- Encourage a culture of generosity through workplace giving programs

Powerful Breakthroughs

- Fuel groundbreaking research to help cure cystic fibrosis
- Support high-quality personalized care for every individual with CF
- Help make life-changing therapies possible

Join a Winning Team

- Showcase your brand's commitment to innovation, impact, and community
- Gain recognition at signature CF Foundation events
- Align with the world's leader in cystic fibrosis research, care, and support

National Reach

14.2K
Weekly web visitors

221K
Email subscribers

600K
Event Participants

242K followers

63.9K followers

31.8K followers

14.6K followers

Local Reach for the Grand Chefs Experience

37.6K
Total community reach

$7,613,808
Total funds raised since 2013

700
Total participants

"Supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation helps change the narrative for thousands of individuals and families impacted by CF. Across our company, employees bring this commitment to life through volunteerism and collaboration with the CF Foundation team, uniting around a purpose that inspires action."

-Linda Kirkpatrick
President, Americas, Mastercard

Event Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

Sponsorship of this event supports the mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Presenting Supporter* $50,000 ($43,200 Tax-Deductible)

Only one sponsorship available.

- Company will be listed as the Presenting Supporter in all portions of the Grand Chefs Experience with logo placement tied to the Grand Chefs Experience logo
- Exclusive VIP reception and early access to event for Presenting Sponsor guests from 5:30-6pm
- Four (4) reserved tables for 40 guests with premier seating
- Champagne service at your four (4) tables
- Company Logo placed in lead position on all printed and electronic materials for the Grand Chefs Experience including but not limited to:
  - Event website (www.cffgrandchefs.com)
  - Mission piece (subject to November 1 print deadline)
  - Event presentation screen at the Grand Chefs Experience
  - Auction mobile bidding site
- Company logo presented in gobo lighting along with all other $15,000+ sponsors. Gobo lighting will be placed in premier location: the South Dome next to the CFF logo
- Company logo displayed on the chapter website
- 90-second CFF reviewed video message in digital program book
- Full page recognition in digital program book (CFF reviewed)
- Acknowledgement on chapter's social pages

Premier Supporter* $25,000 ($19,900 Tax-Deductible)

Three sponsorships available.

- Company will have the opportunity to present a dedicated portion of the Grand Chefs Experience:
  - Chefs Tasting presented by Company Name: logo on tasting map, Chef Tasting signs, and other materials connected to the Chefs Tasting
  - Nightcap presented by Company Name: photobooth with brand activation, Nightcap Tasting Signs, and other materials connected to the Nightcap Tastings
  - Live Program presented by Company Name: logo on auction booklets, logo on bid cards, and other materials connected to the Live Program
- Three (3) reserved tables for 30 guests with premier seating
- Champagne service at your three (3) tables
- Company Logo placed on all printed and electronic materials for the Grand Chefs Experience including but not limited to:
  - Event website (www.cffgrandchefs.com)
  - Mission piece (subject to November 1 print deadline)
  - Event presentation screen at the Grand Chefs Experience
  - Auction mobile bidding site
- Company logo presented in gobo lighting along with all other $15,000+ sponsors**
- Company logo displayed on the chapter website
- 60-second CFF reviewed video message in digital program book
- Full page recognition in digital program book (CFF reviewed)
- Acknowledgement on chapter's social pages

Platinum Supporter* $15,000 ($11,600 Tax-Deductible)

- Recognition as the Platinum Supporter throughout the Grand Chefs Experience
- Company will have the opportunity to present a dedicated portion of the Grand Chefs Experience (ex: Specialty Cocktail presented by Company Name, Coat Check presented by Company Name, Welcome Station presented by Company Name, People's Choice presented by Company Name)
- Two (2) reserved tables for 20 guests with premier seating
- Champagne service at your two (2) tables
- Company Logo placed on all printed and electronic materials and communication for the Grand Chefs Experience including but not limited to:
  - Event website (www.cffgrandchefs.com)
  - Mission piece (subject to November 1 print deadline)
  - Event presentation screen at the Grand Chefs Experience
  - Auction mobile bidding site
- Company logo presented in gobo lighting along with all other $15,000+ sponsors**
- Company logo displayed on the chapter website
- 60-second CFF reviewed video message in digital program book
- Full page recognition in digital program book (CFF reviewed)
- Acknowledgement on chapter's social pages

Gold Supporter - $10,000* ($8,300 Tax-Deductible)

- Company will have the opportunity to present a dedicated portion of the Grand Chefs Experience (ex: Valet presented by Company Name, Silent Auction presented by Company Name, Registration presented by Company Name, Checkout presented by Company Name, Snack Station presented by Company Name)
- One (1) reserved table for 10 guests with premier seating
- Champagne service at your table
- Company Logo placed on all printed and electronic materials and communication for the Grand Chefs Experience including but not limited to:
  - Event website (www.cffgrandchefs.com)
  - Mission piece (subject to November 1 print deadline)
  - Event presentation screen at the Grand Chefs Experience
  - Auction mobile bidding site
- Company logo displayed on the chapter website
- 30-second CFF reviewed video message in digital program book
- Full page recognition in digital program book
- Acknowledgement on chapter's social pages

Rose Supporter - $6,500* ($4,800 Tax-Deductible)

- One (1) reserved table for 10 guests with premier seating
- Company Logo placed on all printed and electronic materials and communication for the Grand Chefs Experience including but not limited to:
  - Event website (www.cffgrandchefs.com)
  - Mission piece (subject to November 1 print deadline)
  - Event presentation screen at the Grand Chefs Experience
- Full page recognition in digital program book (CFF reviewed)
- Acknowledgement on chapter's social pages

Table Supporter - $5,500* ($3,800 Tax-Deductible)

- One (1) reserved table for 10 guests

Friend of the Foundation - $1,500* (100% Tax-Deductible)

- Company logo on event presentation screen at Grand Chefs Experience
- 1/2 page recognition in digital program book (CFF reviewed)

Individual Ticket - $550 ($380 Tax-Deductible)

- One (1) ticket to attend the Grand Chefs Experience

*Please note that benefits will be activated once sponsorship is paid in full.
** Gobo placements will be placed in location based on sponsorship level and order received.

Timeline

6:00 PM	Registration Opens, Chefs Tasting Begins featuring Chicago's Finest Chefs
8:00 PM	Dinner Service Begins
8:30 PM	Live Program Begins, Live Auction, and Bid for a Cure
9:30 PM	Nightcap Begins featuring Chicago's Elite Pastry Chefs and the City's Trendsetters in Bartending, Live Music, and Dancing
12:00 AM	Event Concludes

2027 Grand Chefs Experience Sponsorship Form

Sponsorship of this event supports the mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Company Name_____
Contact Name_____Title_____
Mailing Address_____
City _____ State_____ Zip_____
Phone#_____

Email_____ Web Address_____

I would like to become a sponsor at the following level:
☐ Premier Supporter $25,000 ($19,900 tax-deductible)
☐ Platinum Supporter $15,000 ($11,600 tax-deductible)
☐ Gold Supporter $10,000 ($8,300 tax-deductible)
☐ Rose Supporter $6,500 ($4,800 tax-deductible)
☐ Table Supporter $5,500 ($3,800 tax-deductible)
☐ Friend of the Foundation $1,500 (100% tax-deductible)

☐ Individual Ticket $550 ($380 tax-deductible)

I cannot sponsor but want to make a general donation to the event: ☐_____

Sponsorship Payment:
☐ Check enclosed (payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation) ☐ Please invoice
☐ Please call for payment: _____

☐ Company Credit Card Payment ☐ Personal Credit Card Payment

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Thank you for your support. In the below statements, you will find guidelines around event attendance, the CF Foundation's Better Business Bureau statement, and if applicable to the selected sponsorship event logo use guidelines. Sponsorship of this event supports the mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has unrestricted financial reserves of about 13 times its 2026 operating budget. These reserves are largely a result of the Foundation's successful venture philanthropy model, through which we have raised and invested hundreds of millions of dollars to help discover and develop breakthrough CF therapies. These funds and any future revenue from our model are reinvested into the CF Foundation's mission to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead long, fulfilling lives. To obtain a copy of our latest Annual Report, visit https://www.cff.org/About-Us/Reports-and-Financials/ , email info@cff.org or call 1-800-FIGHT-CF.

All sponsorship proposals issued by CFF constitute a commitment of Sponsor to donate to CFF once acknowledged by email and CFF will endeavor to provide the applicable benefits that correlate to the sponsorship herein.

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS

The CF Foundation is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and healthy experience for individuals attending Foundation Events. Individuals attending CF Foundation events must abide by the Foundation's Attendance Policy (www.cff.org/attendancepolicy) and accompanying guidelines, which include guidance for event attendees living with cystic fibrosis

CFF RESTRICTED LOGO USE SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This Restricted Logo Use Sponsor Acknowledgement ("Acknowledgement") between the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation ("CFF") and the Sponsor, who accepts this Acknowledgement ("Sponsor"). CFF grants to Sponsor a revocable, nonexclusive license to use the Logo (as defined below) in connection with the event to which the Sponsor is contributing over $5,000 ("Event"). Sponsor shall not use the Logo in any manner except as expressly set forth herein from the date of this signed Acknowledgement to up to the Event date. Sponsor agrees to use the Logo only, in connection with the Event and further agrees not to use the Logo in connection with any other sponsors whose logo or brand are deemed to be offensive, defamatory or vulgar. All references to the Logo shall mean the logo associated with the Event. Sponsor agrees not to use the CFF's Logo in a manner inconsistent with proper trademark use, or in any manner that tarnishes the name or reputation of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Sponsor agrees to comply with any requirements established by CFF concerning the style, design, display and use of the Logo with every use of the Logo. Sponsor agrees to send CFF the website link or other relevant materials upon completion of adding the Logo to any promotional materials or third-party sites as part of the sponsorship. Sponsor shall also comply with requests from CFF for additional information, documents, or specimens concerning its use of the Logo. Sponsor agrees to modify or terminate any use of the Logo within 10 days of notice by CFF that, in its sole discretion, such use is not approved. Sponsor agrees that ownership of the Logo and the goodwill relating thereto shall remain vested in CFF both during the period of this license and thereafter. Sponsor agrees never to challenge, encourage a third-party challenge, or support any challenge to CFF's ownership of the Logo. Sponsor agrees to promptly inform CFF of the use of any marks similar to the Logo and any potential infringements of CFF's Logo that come to Sponsor's attention. Sponsor represents and warrants that it shall not use the Logo in any way that, directly or indirectly, raises any revenue for Sponsor. Sponsor and CFF agree that this license shall be royalty-free. Nothing herein shall be construed as an endorsement by CFF of the Sponsor or the Sponsor's business or activities. The language in this Acknowledgement supersedes any other executed agreement between the Sponsor and CFF. The Sponsor agrees and accepts this Acknowledgement upon providing CFF with a sponsorship payment. By providing payment or signing sponsorship form, you are agreeing to the terms of these guidelines.