

Summer 2008

CONNECTION

NEWS PUBLICATION OF THE ARKANSAS CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

Calendar of Events:

- August 24
Catch a Cure Bass Buddy
Tournament
Little Rock, AR
- September 6
Northwest Arkansas
GREAT STRIDES
Bentonville, AR
- September 6
Hot Springs GREAT STRIDES
Hot Springs, AR
- September 27
Arkansas Children's Hospital
CF Family Day
Little Rock, AR
- September 27
Breath of Life Gala
Little Rock, AR
- October 27
Swing for a Cure Golf Classic
Little Rock, AR

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BREATH OF LIFE GALA



Save the date for an elegant evening for the CF community to come together to celebrate life, celebrate milestones in research, and commemorate the Arkansas Newborn Screening Program.

Larry Choate, Chairman and CEO of Arvest Bank in Central Arkansas, and a supporter of the CF Foundation, will be honored with the 2008 Breath of Life Award at its first annual Breath of Life Gala, on **Saturday**,

September 27 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Little Rock. The Breath of Life Award is given to an outstanding person that exhibits exceptional dedication to the fight against cystic fibrosis. This gala has significant importance, as it is the first Breath of Life Gala being held in Arkansas.

The black-tie event features an evening of entertainment, all lead by Master of Ceremonies, Today's THV Meteorologist, **Tom Brannon**. The night begins with a cocktail reception and silent auction at

7:00 p.m., followed by dinner, a live auction, and awards ceremony. The auction will feature many outstanding items, including an elite trip to the Kentucky Derby and a golden retriever puppy. Live entertainment will be provided by Bob Boyd Sounds.

Tickets are available for \$150 per person, and a table is \$1,500. Sponsorships are available as well; 90% of the funds raised will go towards CF Foundation research and programs. [Click here](#) to visit the website to purchase tickets or to learn more details.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE: ULTIMATE GOLF EXPERIENCE

A memorable golf experience awaits you at a golfer's paradise at the Boulders Resort and Golden Door Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona on November 5 through November 9, 2008. Enjoy an incredible weekend of unparalleled golf and gorgeous accommodations, while helping the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation *add tomorrows every day* to the lives of those with cystic

fibrosis. Raffle tickets can be purchased through the CF office for **\$100 each**. We are only selling **120 raffle tickets** for this exclusive golf package so be sure to get your ticket now! The winning ticket will be drawn at the **Breath of Life Gala on September 27th**.

The 2 person package includes round-trip airfare, transportation, four nights of luxurious accommodations,

three days of world class golf, meals, nightly cocktail reception and dinner, lively auctions, entertainment, a special performance by award-winning comedian Lewis Black (regularly seen on HBO, *The Daily Show* and *Late Night With Conan O'Brien*), tournament awards dinner and much more!

For more information call (501) 371-0233.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*“Help us make
CF stand for Cure
Found!”*

What an amazing year it has been so far! We continue to see growth in community support, volunteer numbers, and donations. We are currently in the lead across the country in growth for GREAT STRIDES. This feat would not be possible without our wonderful team of committee members and sponsors who have made our success possible.

Volunteers are so important to our mission of finding a cure and improving the quality of

life for those that have CF. I specifically would like to thank the Chair of each of our event committees; Taylor Adams-Little Rock Wine Opener, Greg Campbell-NWA Wine Opener, Chip Stacy-Ozarks Golf Classic, Haskell Anderson-Little Rock GREAT STRIDES, Susan Ridge-Benton GREAT STRIDES, and Julie Nemeth-Fort Smith GREAT STRIDES.

Our Special Event Coordinator, Kelsey Hays, is leaving us so she can focus on her family.

She has been an asset and we are sad to see her go, but we are glad that she will have more time with her growing family. Please join us in thanking Kelsey for her hard work.

We have hired Mary Katherine Parke who is from Little Rock. She has a Marketing Degree from the University of Arkansas and she has fundraising experience with the Walton Foundation and the Anthony School. She will start on September 2nd.

NWA GREAT STRIDES

The Northwest Arkansas GREAT STRIDES walk will be held on September 6th. A family friendly event, the activities will include a 2 mile walk, special appearance & photo with SpongeBob, inflatable kid zone, food, door prizes, gift bags for walkers, and a raffle for a 50" Widescreen HDTV. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event, or by calling 501-371-0233. Registration is at 9:00 am, the walk begins at 10:00 am.



YOUNG PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The CF Foundation has a new group of leaders that are committed to finding a cure for CF. The Young Professional Leadership Committee (YPLC) is made up of community and business leaders from the central Arkansas area. The YPLC will cultivate our next generation of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation leadership and lifelong fund-raisers. Leadership was elected at the first meeting. Taylor Adams,

Lindsey Gray, Kelley Dunlap, Kristin Aburrow, Tim Rafferty, Sara Adams, Bob Albright, Mary Carole Crane, Scott Dews, David Fort, Beth Hunt, Brian Maune, Prentice McIntosh, Danielle Richard, Jancey Sheets, Melissa Stanley, Vernon Scott, and Chris Stewart.



CFF FALL EVENTS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Calling all CF family members, friends, and supporters. We have a number of ways to get involved with the Foundation. We need your help so we can raise \$150,000 this fall.

We have five events that are approaching and we hope you will consider getting involved with an event committee, forming a walk team, purchasing tickets, and/or volunteering

on the day of the event.

Catch a Cure Bass Tournament
\$170 for Buddy Team
August 24: Murray Park
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

Northwest AR GREAT STRIDES
September 6: Bentonville Plaza
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

Hot Springs GREAT STRIDES
September 6: Bank of America
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

Breath of Life Gala
\$150 Ticket, \$1500 Table
September 6: Doubletree
Guest Suites, Little Rock
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

Swing for a Cure Golf Classic
\$125 Individual, \$500 Team
October 27: Eagle Hill Golf
Club, Little Rock
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

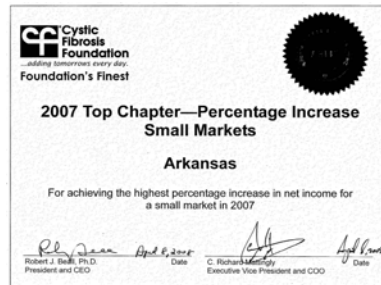


ARKANSAS SEES 100% INCREASE, RECEIVES AWARD

Due to the hard work of many of you, we had great success in the first half of the year. We raised a total of **\$192,000** in special event income and major gifts, which is an increase of **100%** over where we were in July '07 and a **140%** increase over where we were in '06.

Part of the success was due to a CF family member who donated \$5,000 to the Foundation each year over the next three years. We had four wonderful GREAT STRIDES walks that have put us in the lead across the country for largest percent increase

over last year for GREAT STRIDES. We also received the 07 Top Chapter Percentage Increase Award from the National Foundation. We are thrilled that Arkansas is really making a difference. This wouldn't be possible without each volunteer, thank you!



ACH FAMILY DAY



The Arkansas Children's Hospital invites you to CF Family Day on September 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the hospital campus at the

Brandon Commerce Center. Family Day gives parents the opportunity to hear from CF physicians and officials, learn about drug therapies and trials, and discover more about the CF Care Center in general.

This year the event is being held in conjunction with the first annual CFF Breath of Life Gala. We hope our CF family members will participate in both events. For more information, call 501-364-1006 or 501-371-0233.

ARKANSAS BEGINS SCREENING NEWBORNS FOR CF

On July 1st Arkansas was one of four states to begin screening all newborns for cystic fibrosis at birth.

Babies that are screened for CF are more likely to be diagnosed earlier and can start treatment sooner. Early treatment for babies with CF can lead to longer lives, better health and fewer hospitalizations.

The CF Foundation is thankful for the Arkansas Legislature for passing

“Joshua Law”, named after one of our own CF kids, that requires newborn screening.

In 2005, only five states in the country screened for CF. With these new additions, however, a total of 45 states plus the District of Columbia will now be routinely screening all newborns for the disease. The CF Foundation is committed to ensuring that all states screen for CF.

CFF IN THE NEWS

KATV Channel 7:

[Living with Cystic Fibrosis](#)

KARK Channel 4:

[Experimental Drug for Cystic Fibrosis](#)

UAMS Medicine Publication:

[2008 Spring/Summer Issue](#)

Fox Business:

[Five States Step Up Efforts to Screen Newborns for Cystic Fibrosis](#)

Arkansas Democrat Gazette:

[Health Department expanding tests for newborns](#)

Arkansas Democrat Gazette:

[State newborn screenings rise to 29](#)

Under the Dome Blog:

[Newborn Screening Expansion](#)

Little Rock Family Publication:

[Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis](#)

Inviting Arkansas—May Issue
Celebrate Magazine—July Issue
CitiScapes Monthly—July Issue
Today's Man—September Issue

KIDS CORNER



The CF Foundation is proud of Erik Nieman, a CF patient from Hot Springs, for being one of seven in the state to qualify for the Arkansas Team that is competed in the 2008 Central

Zones in Indiana in August.

When Erik first started swimming and began winning ribbons, he said that he wanted to win to be able to show others with diseases that you can still have hope and achieve your dreams even when you have difficulties that you have to fight everyday.



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The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was founded in 1955 by a dedicated group of parents whose children had cystic fibrosis (CF). CF is a life threatening genetic disease that causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus which clogs the lungs and leads to fatal lung infections. To date, there is no cure for cystic fibrosis. The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to assure the development of a means to cure and control CF and improve the quality of life for those who have the disease. In 1955, children with CF typically did not survive to reach elementary school. Today, the median age of survival is more than 37 years.

Over the past 53 years, the CF Foundation has pursued its mission through two strategies: (1) establishing and accrediting more than 117 centers throughout the United States to care for CF patients and (2) supporting medical research to find improved therapies and a cure.

The local office of the CF Foundation is the Arkansas Chapter. The Arkansas Chapter supports the mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by hosting multiple fundraising events in Arkansas and supporting a number of community events organized by CF families and friends.

CFF STUDENT YOUTH BOARD

We are accepting nominations for student leaders to join our CureFinders® Student Youth Board. CureFinders® is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's new fund-raising program for grades K through 12. The Board will be made up of Middle and High School students in the Central AR area. These students will learn the fundamentals of fund-raising and gain valuable leadership experience. Students will also receive training on the operations and responsibilities of a working volunteer board. We are looking for outgoing, energetic students that are willing to: attend four meetings per year, coordinate a CureFinders® fund-raising program, identify and recruit school contacts to participate in CureFinders®, raise awareness about cystic fibrosis in their community.

If you have a student or students whom you would like to recommend for a position on the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's CureFinders® Student Youth Board, please ask them to contact our office to schedule an interview. We can make CF stand for Cure Found!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact	Location
August 24 6:00 am	Catch a Cure Bass Tournament	Thomas Wilkins (501) 370-4539	Murray Park Arkansas River Little Rock, AR
September 6 Registration 9:00 am	Northwest AR GREAT STRIDES	Charlotte Stacy (479) 254-8851	Bentonville Plaza 609 SW 8th St. Bentonville, AR
September 6 Registration 8:00 am	Hot Springs GREAT STRIDES	Holly Nieman (501) 760-5558	Bank of America 301 Exchange St. Hot Springs, AR
September 27 9:00 am	AR Children's Hospital CF Family Day	Lauren Wallis (501) 320-	AR Children's Hospital 800 Marshall St. Little Rock, AR
September 27 7:00 pm	Breath of Life Gala	Robb Fiser (501) 225-5700	Doubletree Guest Suites 424 West Markham Little Rock, AR
October 27th 8:00 am & 1:00 pm	Swing for a Cure Golf Classic	Johnny Miller (901) 581-7040	Eagle Hill Golf Club 3 Eagle Hill Ct. Little Rock, AR