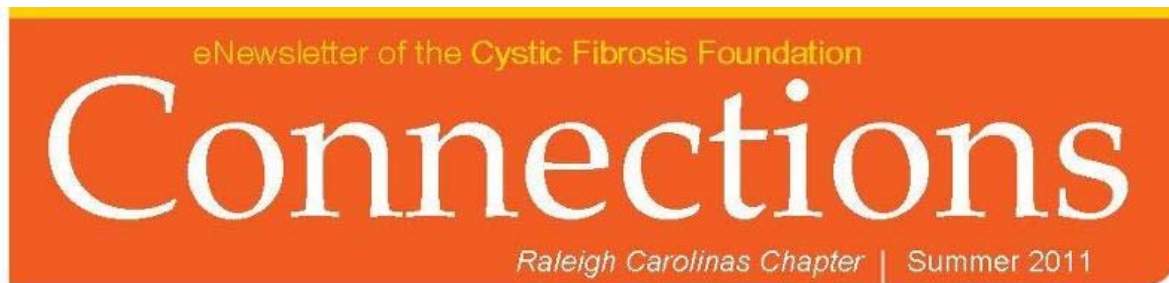


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Great Strides Wrap Party!

June 29th @ Frankies 5:30-7:30pm
1190 Fun Park Dr., Raleigh, NC 27617

We hope your team will join us for a night full of celebrations, fun and food!

The party will begin with light finger foods, then we will announce this years team awards and it will conclude with free putt-putt for the kids! [Click here to RSVP!](#)



Check out the [top teams](#) and [super striders](#) to date!

Research Update

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation announced promising results from an ongoing Phase 2 study evaluating combinations of VX-770 and VX-809, potential medicines designed to treat the defective protein that causes cystic fibrosis. [Read more!](#)



Fundraising All-Star: A Young Girls Hope for a Cure

Morgan Pirozzi, 9 years old, has raised over \$8,000 and she said, "I have more planned, I'm not finished yet, there is more to do."

This year Skylar's Striders raised over \$3,600 to fund the important research to help find a cure for CF, \$2,755 of the team money was raised by Morgan. Each year the Pirozzi's host an Ice Cream Social that has become not only an effective but delicious way to raise money. [Read more!](#)



Morgan Pirozzi (left and Skylar Davis (right)

Shop the Marketplace: Scotty McCreery Autographed Items!

A generous family has donated 2 pictures and 1 ticket from the April 20th episode of American Idol all with Scotty McCreery's autograph! All proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated to the Foundation to help support lifesaving CF research. Keep a watch on our facebook fan page for more details, www.facebook.com/cffcarolinas. They will go onsale next week through ebays mission fish.



Shop the Marketplace: Headbands for CF

Lori Randall is the founder of 'Live It Up' headbands, an organization that donates their proceeds to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in order to help fund research and awareness. Lori was inspired to start this company after a friendship between her daughter Hailey, and Diana, a young girl inflicted with CF, blossomed at the age of three. [Full story.](#)



Double your Dollars: Donate to the Annual Fund

BJ's Restaurants Foundation, a generous, long-time friend of the CF Foundation, has just announced it will give up to \$100,000 in matching gifts to encourage more people to join the annual fund. Contributions from \$1,500 to \$9,999 received by December 31, 2011 will be matched. [Read more.](#)



Foundations Finest

Kickoff September 8th 6pm at Sparians

Finale November 18th November location TBD

Foundations Finest is coming! This amazing event for young professionals is big news all over the country and now it is here! We are looking for top young professionals interested in professional development, meeting other high powered young professionals helping to support research and care for more than 30,000 Americans living with cystic fibrosis to be members of the inaugural class of the Foundation's Finest!

Check back for additional information on upcoming Finest events including the Foundation's ***Finest Finale*** on November 18, 2011!

Calendar of Events

Support the CF community by attending an event near you! Do you have an event that you would like us to publicize? Send your event flyer to Colette Pond at cpond@cff.org.

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Helping Hands

Michaels Seafood

Michael's Seafood in Carolina Beach celebrated Tuesday evening for their third straight win at the Knorr's Great Chowder Cook-Off in Rhode Island. Michael's Chowder can be found in your local Harris Teeter stores in the fresh seafood section. A portion on the proceeds will be donated to the foundation!

Joey O Bocce Blast

This year the Joey O Bocce Blast raised over \$35,000 for CF Research. That is a \$13,000 increase from the previous year! This has become an annual event that everyone looks forward to attending. Thank you to all the volunteers, participants, sponsors and especially the O'Connell family for your continued support.

Zumba for a Cure

Durham started the Zumba for a Cure craze that has inspired volunteers through out the chapter to do one more fundraising push for CF!

A great way to raise quick money is through a Zumba wrap around event. Zumba is a Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. In fact one team leader raise \$4,000 with a Zumba event!

Are you willing to go the extra mile and do a Zumba event? If so please email us at carolinas@cff.org or call 919-845-2155.

Volunteer Spotlight: Teens Making a Difference

Great Strides season would not be possible with out the help of all of our wonderful volunteers serving on committees, at the walks and behind the scenes. This spring we have had the pleasure of working in the chapter office

with three high school students, Claire Bennett, Seth Hardy and Ryan Berst.
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