



On August 2, 2008, the Los Angeles office of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host its first-ever "Brew Haw Haw" on the Pine Meadows Lawn of the Autry National Center in Los Angeles, from 1pm-5pm.

This ultimate outdoor festival will include live music, entertainment, lively auctions - and, of course, beer tasting. Here is your opportunity to **Sample Great Brews** poured by the region's best microbreweries and brew pubs, and **Savor Great Cuisine** from several of Los Angeles' most popular restaurants at festive tasting stations, all while supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as we work to raise funds for a cure.

We already anticipate over 400 attendees at this event, which will welcome not only young professionals age 25-45, but also beer lovers of all ages looking for a fun and casual environment to taste some old favorites and some new and inventive microbrews.

All of the proceeds of this one-of-a-kind event will be used to fund the life-saving work of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For more information please contact Kaitlyn Fitzgibbons at 323.655.8525 or Kfitzgibbons@cff.org



Adding tomorrows every day expresses the mission—and results—of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's steadfast efforts to extend the length and quality of life for people with cystic fibrosis (CF). CF is a life-threatening genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States. CF substantially impairs respiratory and digestive functions, making the simple act

of eating and breathing a challenge. The average life expectancy of someone with CF is 37. **There is no cure.** As children suffering from CF grow older, they become more vulnerable to life-threatening lung infections. We receive no federal funding and depend on the generosity of individual donors and corporations to support our lifesaving mission. By supporting "Brew Haw Haw", the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation can ensure children with CF that every available technology is funded and utilized, enabling them to live the long and healthy lives that they deserve.

CF personally affects me because my daughter, Abigail, pictured below, was diagnosed with the disease when she was four weeks old. Because of CF, Abby spent the first month of life in the hospital after having surgery to rid her body of an intestinal obstruction when she was just one day old. While she is now an energetic, sweet one-year-old toddler, Abby's life is filled with challenges in fighting CF. She takes twenty-four pills, a potent multivitamin, an iron supplement and antacids every day just so her body can properly absorb the nutrients she needs to survive. Without these, she would starve. She also spends up to an hour and a half every day receiving breathing treatments and chest physiotherapy to keep her lungs healthy. We must be extra diligent about avoiding the common cold and flu because it could have devastating and deadly effects.

While CF presents challenges to Abby on a daily basis, there is no doubt in my mind that she would not be as healthy as she is today if not for the work of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. **Because of the work of the Foundation, the median survival age has doubled in the past 25 years.** Those who donate to the CF Foundation can be assured that it is one of the most efficient organizations of its kind. In 2006, nearly 90% of every dollar of revenue raised was available for investment in CF research, care and education programs. The National Institute of Health and numerous prominent publications, including *Forbes* and *USA Today*, have heralded the Foundation's innovative business model, which fuels drug discovery and development programs.

2007 proved to be another remarkable year in our journey to find a cure and control for CF. Our continued progress (such as another increased year in life expectancy) further validates the CF Foundation's programs and underscores the significance of your contribution. We have established a lofty goal and we need your help to achieve it. Please become a participant or financial supporter of this year's "Brew Haw Haw." I speak for the entire committee when I say that we are dedicated to making "Brew Haw Haw" a successful and fun event. But we cannot do it alone. Won't you please join us in raising our beer glasses, to raise hope for those with CF?

Meghann Barloewen
Event Co-Chair and CF Parent



Abby age 1

Median Survival Age of CF Patients 1940-2007

