

**THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER OF THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS
FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES BRENT AND MEG PRATT AS THE 2008 HITCHCOCK
HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The Breath of Life Gala, Presented by FBR, will Be Saturday, November 1, 2008

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 3, 2008 —The Metropolitan D.C. Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation announced today that **Foulger-Pratt Companies' principal Brent K. Pratt and his wife Meg** will be the recipients of the **2008 Hitchcock Humanitarian Award** at the Foundation's annual Breath of Life Gala to be held on November 1st at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

"Brent and Meg have been such wonderful, generous and committed supporters of the CF Foundation, as well as respected leaders in the Washington D.C. community for so many years, that we are thrilled to be able to honor them with this most coveted award," said Donald C. Wood, **Gala chairman and president and CEO of Federal Realty Investment Trust**. "I just can't think of a couple more deserving," Wood continued.

From the time their grandson Ben was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis seven years ago (and granddaughter Lauren, diagnosed 3 years later), **Brent and Meg Pratt** have worked tirelessly to raise money and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In addition to their work on the Foundation's major gifts program, for the past several years Brent has co-chaired the 65 Roses golf tournament and Meg has chaired the Potomac walk site for Great Strides, the CF Foundation's walk-a-thon program. Brent has also been involved in corporate outreach, helping dozens of companies become involved in various cystic fibrosis fund-raising events.

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Brent and Meg have spent their 35 years of marriage in the Washington D.C. area where they raised their eight children. Brent has spent his entire professional career with the Foulger-Pratt Companies, a commercial real estate development and construction group in which he is a partner with his father-in-law and two brothers-in-law. Some of Foulger-Pratt's notable projects include the Silver Spring Metro Center, the re-development of Downtown Silver Spring and the renovation of the Silver Theater, development of the Park Potomac mixed-use community, and the construction of the Washington Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Meg has devoted her life to raising their eight children and serving in their church and community. In addition to her work for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Meg currently serves on the board of the Family Leader Foundation, an organization that promotes family values in public policy, and on the board of Rising Star Outreach which benefits the leprosy-affected and their families in India.

The Hitchcock Humanitarian Award is presented by Pat Hitchcock, the daughter of renowned Director Alfred Hitchcock, in honor of her granddaughter Melissa who lost her battle with cystic fibrosis at age 22. It is presented annually to an individual or individuals who have exhibited a longstanding commitment to community service, philanthropy and excellence in business.

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The event is expected to net more than **\$3 million, 90 percent of which will go directly towards CF Foundation research and programs.** The average cost for an event of this magnitude is 30 percent of the money raised, but the CF Foundation will spend less than 10 percent of the gross income on the evening's festivities. In 2005, the Breath of Life Gala Presented by FBR became the number one **net** fundraiser in Washington, D.C. and the largest fundraiser in the United States for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. While other events had a larger gross number, no other event directed more money to its intended cause.

The black-tie event features an evening of surprises and entertainment, all led by Master of Ceremonies, **60 Minutes Correspondent, Scott Pelley.** The night begins with a cocktail reception and exclusive silent auction at 6:30 p.m., followed by a live auction and dinner.

For the third year this gala will open the curtains to Club Breathe, a special nightclub setting with live entertainment, beginning at 10:30 p.m. The Club will also feature a signature drink, miniature eats, and dessert and cappuccino stations.

A table at the event is \$15,000. Tickets are available for \$1,500 per person and sponsorships are available up to \$100,000.

Additional information about the Breath of Life Gala may be found at www.cff.org/chapters/metrodc/breathoflife or by calling 301-657-8444.

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About Cystic Fibrosis and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 people in the United States. A defect in the CFTR gene causes the body to produce abnormally thick, sticky mucus that leads to chronic, life-threatening lung infections and impairs digestion. When the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was established in 1955, few children lived to even attend elementary school. Today, because of research and care supported by the CF Foundation – with money raised through donations from families, corporations and foundations – the median predicted age for people with CF is 37 years. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, headquartered in Bethesda, Md., is a donor-sponsored, nonprofit organization committed to finding therapies and ultimately a cure for CF, and improving the lives of those with the disease. For more information on CF and the CF Foundation, call (800) FIGHT CF or visit www.cff.org.

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