

Top Ten Reasons to Support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

- 1. The Foundation is adding *tomorrows* every day.** When the Foundation was established, children born with CF were not expected to live long enough to attend elementary school. Thanks to research and care supported by the Foundation, the median predicted age of survival is now 37 years; more than double what it was 25 years ago.
- 2. The Foundation is leading the quest for new treatments and a cure.** The Foundation has committed hundreds of millions of dollars to CF drug discovery and development. Virtually every approved CF drug available today was made possible because of Foundation support.
- 3. The Foundation is making history.** Foundation-backed researchers discovered the defective gene that causes CF in 1989. Now for the first time in the history of the disease, CF clinical trial participants are taking oral drugs aimed at treating the basic defect in CF (a faulty protein). If successful, these drugs could add decades of life for people with the disease.
- 4. The Foundation is efficient.** In 2008, the Foundation achieved the coveted four-star rating for sound fiscal management from *Charity Navigator*, the largest independent charity evaluator in the United States. The Foundation also is an accredited charity of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, meeting all of its Standards for Charitable Accountability.
- 5. The Foundation is making a difference.** Today, more than 45 percent of all people with CF are age 18 or older, thanks to wise investments made by the Foundation in research and comprehensive care. To ensure excellent care, the Foundation has implemented a quality improvement program at its nationwide network of 110 CF care centers. In addition, the Foundation has launched the Program for Adult Care Excellence (PACE), a national initiative to enhance care for adults with CF.
- 6. The Foundation is strategic.** The Foundation's unique approach to drug discovery has yielded a "pipeline" with more than 30 potential therapies in development for CF. We support a broad range of research efforts, which have led to potential therapies that combat the symptoms of CF as well as those that address the root causes of the disease. The odds of producing successful therapies and a cure improve with each added therapy.
- 7. The Foundation is taking action.** Working with a network of volunteers across the country, the Foundation provides people with CF a voice in Congress. The Congressional CF Caucus has 130 members, making it one of the largest caucuses in Congress.
- 8. The Foundation is forward-thinking.** To supplement contributions raised by its dynamic agenda of GREAT STRIDES and special fund-raising events, the Foundation's *Milestones to a Cure* Campaign was launched to raise \$175 million by 2010. To date, *Milestones* has raised \$137 million to support critical therapeutics development.
- 9. The Foundation is innovative.** The Foundation's unique business model has been recognized by the National Institutes of Health and by publications such as *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Business Week*.
- 10. The Foundation is far-reaching.** The Foundation has 74 chapters throughout the country and supports and accredits a nationwide network of 110 care centers. The CF Services Pharmacy, the Foundation's wholly-owned subsidiary, makes therapies available to nearly 9,000 CF patients nationwide and advocates on behalf of patients by working with insurance plans to cover prescription medication.