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THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE FOR SEVENTH ANNUAL MOONLIGHT MARTINIS

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida – The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) has announced the committee and chairpersons for the seventh annual Moonlight Martinis event. The committee and chairpersons help secure sponsors and plan the event, which will be from 8 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Fogle Fine Art & Accessories.

The 2008 Moonlight Martinis committee includes Will and Susan Pitts, Bill and Pat Marks, Doug and Shuri Speed, Ron and Marilee Buckley, Susan Froman, Susan Johnson, Kerri Henderson, Angie Calvert, Elizabeth Green, Donny Lamey, Dana McIntyre and Cathy Abbott. Chairpersons for the event are Greg and JoAnne Georgallis of Gregory's Jewelers. Roger Postlethwaite and Maxine McBride are past chairs and will serve as executive advisors.

“We are proud to work alongside the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on this wonderful event,” said Greg and JoAnne Georgallis, chairpersons for Moonlight Martinis

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and owners of Gregory's Jewelers in Jacksonville Beach. "We are working with a strong group of talented individuals who have the passion and energy to deliver a successful and entertaining evening and who are, most importantly, dedicated to finding the cure for cystic fibrosis."

Moonlight Martinis is an eclectic gathering with intimate cocktail party appeal to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Headlining the event this year is country music artist Tammy Cochran, whose Top 10 single, "Angels in Waiting," won national acclaim. The song is a tribute to her two brothers, Shawn and Alan, who both died from cystic fibrosis at a young age. The fundraising event will also feature signature martinis, fabulous gourmet hors d'oeuvres and auctions.

In its seventh year, Moonlight Martinis is projected to raise more than \$150,000. Since the first Jacksonville Moonlight Martinis event in 2002, more than \$625,000 dollars has been raised for cystic fibrosis research and care programs.

Sponsorship opportunities for 2008 Moonlight Martinis are available and range from \$30,000 to \$500. Sponsors who donate \$2,500 or more will be invited to a private VIP reception with Cochran prior to the event. For more information about Moonlight Martinis and sponsorship opportunities, call Dana Troeger at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at (904) 733-3560 or visit online at www.cff.org.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) is the leading organization devoted to curing and controlling cystic fibrosis (CF), a life shortening genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system causing serious complications.

The CFF is recognized as one of the most efficient charities in the country. The

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foundation received a coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management from Charity Navigator, the largest charity evaluator in the United States. According to Charity Navigator, the CFF demonstrates excellence in fiscal responsibility and outperforms a majority of nonprofit organizations in America with respect to fiscal management. Nearly 90 cents on the dollar raised by the CFF is available to fund cystic fibrosis research and care programs.

With the support of the CFF, there have been significant advances in CF research and care. The median survival age has improved from early childhood in the 1950s to 37 years today. After more than 50 years of service, the CFF remains committed to its core mission: to assure a means to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. For more information, visit www.cff.org or call the North Florida CFF office at (904) 733-3560.

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1.) 2008 Moonlight Martinis Committee: Back row from left to right: Marilee Buckley, Ron Buckley, Claudia Werner, Dana Troeger, Pat Marks, Bill Marks and Maxine McBride. Front row from left to right: JoAnne Georgallis, Greg Georgallis, Kerri Henderson and Susan Froman.

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