Cystic fibrosis is a rare, genetic disease that progressively limits the ability to breathe. To combat this condition, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was founded in 1955 by parents desperate to save their children’s lives. Their impassioned determination to prolong life has resulted in tremendous strides over the past 60 years in accelerating research and drug development.

About cystic fibrosis

- 1 in 31 Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene.
- Median predicted age is into the 40s.
- 30K Americans have CF.

Living with CF is a struggle

- The defective CF gene causes a thick buildup of mucus in the lungs and the pancreas.
- Some with CF say it feels like they are breathing through a straw.
- 2 hours a day are spent doing treatments. (That's 1 month a year.)

A long, costly road to a cure

- More than 25 promising therapies are currently in development.
- Nearly $3B was spent by the CF Foundation on its mission and advancing new therapies over the past 25 years.
- 0 cures exist for cystic fibrosis.

We will not rest until we have a cure for those living with cystic fibrosis.

The CF Foundation is a proven leader in the field of rare disease research and is recognized globally for its unprecedented advancements. The Foundation will continue to invest heavily in science supporting its mission so that we can add tomorrows to the lives of those with this disease – and help improve quality of life today.

As of September 2018
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You are critical to our progress. Finding a cure for all people with CF will require a long-term commitment of time, effort and money.

Your continued support will allow us to accelerate our search for a cure, while helping people with CF live longer, healthier lives today. What we achieve going forward will not only help us find a cure for CF, but may also lead to advances in research for people with other diseases. As we embark on the next leg of our journey, we invite you to join us.

GIVE TODAY

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The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with the disease the opportunity to lead full, productive lives by funding research and drug development, promoting individualized treatment and ensuring access to high-quality, specialized care.