

# GREAT STRIDES

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION



Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Grover Cleveland Park

Check-in begins at 6:00pm

Walk begins at 6:30pm

**Register at [http://www.cff.org/great\\_strides/](http://www.cff.org/great_strides/)**

For more information (201) 457-1800

**Walk Today. Add Tomorrows.**

## **What Is Cystic Fibrosis?**

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide). A defective gene and its protein product cause the body to produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that:

- clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections; and
- obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food.

In the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school. Today, advances in research and medical treatments have further enhanced and extended life for children and adults with CF.

## **Statistics**

- About 1,000 new cases of cystic fibrosis are diagnosed each year.
- More than 70% of patients are diagnosed by age two.
- The predicted median age of survival for a person with CF is in the late 30s.

## **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation**

Since 1955, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has been the driving force behind the pursuit of a cure. Thanks to the dedication and financial backing of our supporters — patients, families and friends, clinicians, researchers, volunteers, individual donors, corporations and staff, we are making a difference.

## **Matthew & Mitchell's Crew**

Caldwell residents, Jeanne and Gregory Courtright, have been involved with raising money and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis since 2010. Both of their sons were diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at that time, and since then, they have worked with family and friends to raise over \$25,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, to help find a cure, and improve the quality of life for their sons and everyone that has Cystic Fibrosis.

If you would like to donate directly to Matthew & Mitchell's crew or join their team - please follow this link:

[http://www.cff.org/Great\\_Strides/JeanneCourtright7748](http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/JeanneCourtright7748)