



Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation
Helping young adults with CF pursue their dreams

FALL 2004

From the President:

As we approach the holiday season, especially Thanksgiving, this seems an appropriate time to reflect on the past year and all that we have to celebrate. First and foremost is the support of our many donors whose generosity has helped our young adults with CF pursue their dream of furthering their education. We also are thankful for the medical professionals who continue to make advances in the treatment of CF enabling these young adults to pursue careers and plan a future.

During the past several months, CFSF has experienced the generosity and commitment of those dedicated to helping young CF adults. In the spring, we were the proud recipient of \$10,000 of funds raised at a golf outing in Arizona sponsored by the Kevin Tidwell Foundation. Recently, CFSF was the beneficiary of a golf outing in Ohio in memory of Tim Dangel. In both instances, we were excited by the independent initiative of the sponsors and all those attending to support CFSF. It demonstrates that word is spreading around the country about the good work and impact our program is having on the future of CF adults. See the articles in the newsletter which provide additional information and announce these special scholarships.

We still must keep in mind that everyday is a struggle for those with CF. We were saddened to learn that Jason Herrington, one of the recipients of a 2004-2005 award, lost his battle with CF in the fall. His mother said that he was very proud to have been selected and was planning to continue school in the fall, however, his battle ended before he had the chance to do so. His family is in our thoughts and prayers.

As we always do in the fall, this newsletter contains some of the thank you letters that have been written by recipients of the 2004-2005 awards. Although we at the Foundation are appreciative of the generous support of our donors, it is the students who best can express the personal impact the donors have on their lives. Our support of these young people will not only help them individually but in the long run will help all of us as they make their impact on society in their chosen profession.

As the holiday season approaches, we wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and thank all of our donors for their help in impacting the lives of our young adults with CF.

Kevin Tidwell Memorial Scholarship

CFSF is pleased to announce the 2005 Kevin Tidwell Memorial Scholarship made possible by a generous donation from The Kevin Tidwell Foundation. Funds were raised at the Phoenix Invitation Tournament, a golf outing held in May in Arizona. We are very excited to have been chosen as the recipient of these funds. The scholarship is a four year award of \$2500 per year. The student will be required to be a fulltime student and maintain a 2.0 grade point average while in school. The criteria for selection will be the same as for the one year awards which is a combination of financial need, academics and leadership and community service. All high school seniors who apply for a 2005- 2006 scholarship will automatically be considered for this scholarship

1st Annual Tim Dangel Memorial Golf Scramble

On October 16, 2004, 60 golfers gathered to participate in the 1st Annual Tim Dangel Memorial Golf Scramble in Cincinnati, Ohio. The family of Tim sponsored this tournament and designated that the proceeds benefit CFSF. We wish to thank all the participants in the tournament as well as the sponsors and those that donated prizes for this fun event. Approximately \$3,210 was raised and will be used to fund a Memorial Scholarship in Tim's name for the 2005-2006 school year. All students who apply for an award will automatically be considered for this award.

Tim was diagnosed with CF at four years of age. His parents, MaryJo and Richard, raised three children. Of their three children, Tim and his brother Ritchie were both diagnosed with CF. Tim met Holly Keeton and was only married twenty months before he succumbed to the disease in 2001. He died at the age of 33 while awaiting a lung transplant. Tim earned an architectural engineering degree and worked as an architect in the Cincinnati area on local school jobs. His family and friends will never forget his uncomplaining attitude and courage in living with this disease. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2Timothy 4:7)

New York City Benefit in Planning Stages

CFSF is fortunate to have many strong supporters in the New York City area who have encouraged the Foundation to plan a fundraiser in the area to raise awareness for CFSF. We are in the initial planning stages and anticipate holding an event in the fall of 2005. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone that might be, please contact CFSF at 847-328-0127.

2004 Year-End Gift Ideas

As we all approach the end of the year and last minute tax planning is in high gear, remember that year-end giving is as easy as (1) making a charitable gift, and (2) saving taxes. CFSF is able to receive gifts of cash or stock. The easiest way to support a favored cause is to simply write a check. Another tax effective way to contribute is through long term appreciated stock which offers donors a two-fold tax savings. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the appreciated value. In addition, you receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift. Your personal tax advisor may also have other ideas on how to contribute to your favorite cause. Please contact us if you wish to explore other methods of contributing to CFSF.

Honor Someone You Love – Remember Someone You Miss

Searching for a special gift to commemorate a holiday, birthday, anniversary, or wedding? Looking for a meaningful way to remember a loved one? This may be the right time for you or someone you know to help support our young adults with CF pursue their dreams. It is easy to do. Fill out the enclosed envelope and send it to CFSF. We will promptly send the recipient notification and send you an acknowledgement.

Thank you from 2004-2005 Scholarship Recipients

Dear Friends of CFSF:

Thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. I strive to set high goals for myself. Having cystic fibrosis however often slows down the rate at which I achieve these goals. I do not give up though because I know good things come to those who work for them. I am grateful that organizations like CFSF exist. My parents did not save very much money for my 2 sisters and me for college. This was (and still is) due to the high medical costs of having one daughter with CF and 2 with severe asthma. Thank you again for helping my dreams come true by funding part of my education. God Bless.

Molly

Dear Friends of CFSF:

Thank you so much for your assistance in my education! Things have gone really great the past year, and I am hoping for another year just like it. I was able to keep my grades as high as I hoped, and I kept my 4.0 GPA for the entire year! I am very excited about that, and next year I hope to be able to work in the computer labs helping incoming freshman with their introductory computer science courses.

I was able to play tennis this spring, as well as indoor soccer. While our team didn't do very well, I had a lot of fun with my friends. Thank you so much for your gift; it has enabled me, and will enable me to have many more memories like these, and give me the education I much desire. Thank you so much!!!

John

Dear Friends of CFSF:

My name is Mark and I am proud to say that I was one of the select few of the group of individuals awarded the CFSF Scholarship. Without your generous support and kind heart, this scholarship wouldn't have been made possible. The money that you have generously given to me is going to be put to excellent use. I will be attending Ramapo College in Mahwah, New Jersey. Unfortunately, I am unaware of what I would like to major in; therefore, I will be taking my core curriculum classes that are required to graduate. Because of my CF, the college has allowed me to dorm with my best friend Andrew. He is going to make sure that I do my necessary treatments and, make school and health my main priorities. We are going to support each other throughout the year to make sure each of us stays focused and on task.

Considering the wonderful contributions you have made to people you don't even know, I find it only fitting that I tell you a little about myself... I have a very large family of divorces and remarriages, consisting of four sisters and two brothers. I am the oldest of all seven children and the proud Godfather of my youngest sister Dominique. My younger brother Michael, who is now 15, also has CF. We are doing EXCELLENT and we are feeling better than ever...

I want to close this letter by assuring you that this money will be used wisely. I would also like to make you aware that because of your help and amazing support, this was the deciding factor that enabled me to go to Ramapo over a community college. I am grateful and words can't express what this means to me. Thanks you very much and God Bless.

Mark

Dear Friends of CFSF

Thank you so much for the scholarship; it will really help get me through college. School and treatments will take up most of my time and energy, so working while at school would be very difficult. This scholarship will allow me to focus more of my time to schoolwork and treatments, allowing me to stay healthy and get the best education possible. Thanks a lot!

I hope to graduate with a Bachelor's degree and get a teacher's certificate. I have had many teachers that have helped me in my life. I want to be able to inspire others as my teachers have inspired me. I want to help others realize the advantages an education can bring. This scholarship will help me get the education I need to be able to help the youth love to learn. My education will also be beneficial for my future family. I want to raise intelligent children who will be well prepared to face the problems that they will face during their lifetimes.

Megan

Dear Friends of CFSF:

I was extremely excited to learn recently that I am again a recipient of one of this year's Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation awards. ... I would like to again express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your continued interest in my education.

Always first and foremost, thank you for your generous act, and your interest in bettering education for young adults with CF. This award will go a long way in offsetting some of the expenses associated with attending Indiana University and I am eternally grateful for your generosity and kindness.

On May 5, 2004, I concluded my first year at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where I am studying Elementary Education. I worked diligently throughout both semesters and finished the year with a GPA of 3.75. Recently I was chosen to participate in a new course of study which combines the teaching of Elementary Education with those of Early Childhood Education. I am extremely excited to be a student in the new program. I plan to work towards my concentration in Reading, my certification in ESL, and a minor in Educational Psychology. I think that ought to keep me busy for a while! This past spring I had the privilege of being initiated into Sigma Alpha Iota, the professional women's fraternity of music at Indiana. Next fall, I plan on taking 17.5 credits of classes which will prepare me for step one of the teacher certification process...

Again I thank you, and wish you a wonderful year. One day, I hope to be able to sponsor a scholarship with CFSF, offering the generous gift of furthering education to a young student as you have with me. I will stay in contact, and keep you informed of my progress throughout the year.

Jennifer

Dear Friends of CFSF:

I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation. I am one of the recipients of the scholarship, and am attending Westminster College where I will be enrolling in the wonderful nursing program. I decided to become a nurse because I have met many nurses over my life after repeated hospitalizations, and I have grown fond of them. I feel that I can transcend the help they have given me onto others with similar problems, but this would not be possible without your help, which has enabled me to continue my education. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

Kara

Dear Friends of CFSF:

I want to thank you very much for being a part of the CFSF. I am very honored to be a recipient of the scholarship grant again this year. I just finished my freshman year at Boston University and I absolutely love it. I am an Art History major and I'm slowly learning to love the Red Sox. Because of your generosity I have been enabled to move away from home and become completely independent and confident especially in handling my CF. Again, I thank you deeply for all that you have done with the CFSF.

Leanne

Dear Friends of CFSF:

I have been informed that I am a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation. I cannot thank you enough for donating this money to help me out in school. I am going to attend the University of Montana this fall and your contributions to the CFSFS are a huge help in my financial status. I am looking forward to updating you on my first semester of college in a few months, and I greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

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