



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

SUMMER 2007

From the President:

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, this fall there will be 63 young adults with cystic fibrosis in school whose burden of financing their education will be a little lighter. These young people will attend community colleges, state universities, and private colleges. These young people have achieved much, but are still in great need of our financial assistance and support. Just knowing that there are people in the world willing to help them obtain an education means so much to them. The support of our donors reinforces their belief in the goodness of people.

We were very excited this year to be able to award twenty-four multi-year scholarships. One of the goals of CFSF has been to award multi-year scholarships to enable students to plan their college finances. Proceeds from the wine tasting held in November enabled the Foundation to continue to award multi-year scholarships. Two of these awards have been made possible by donations to fund special memorial scholarships. Information on these awards as well as the recipients is included on page 2 of the Newsletter.

The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation is to turn the dream of a college education into a reality for as many young people as possible with cystic fibrosis. On page 3 of the Newsletter you will meet Leanne Rittenbaum, a recipient of a CFSF scholarship for four years. She has overcome many obstacles; however she was able to walk down the aisle to receive her diploma this spring. Leanne is now going to pursue a Masters in Art History. Congratulations to her and all the young adults with CF who graduated this spring!

I wish to express my appreciation for all of those who have supported our young adults with CF pursue their dreams during the past eight years, and I know I am joined in this by all of the recipients of the CFSF award.

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Scholarship Winners for 2007-2008 Announced

The Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the sixty three scholarships awarded in April 2007. The following students have been awarded multi- year scholarships:

Sarah Anderson	Texas	John Meadows	Ohio
Tyler Bowser	Kansas	Christine Padasak	New York
Rachel Brantner	Wisconsin	Margeaux Parato	Missouri
Nicholas Brenton	North Carolina	Stephen Peeler	Oregon
Cassandra Caminiti	Michigan	Cory Sanders	Texas
Lukas Demel	Kansas	Christopher Simon	Kansas
David Diebels	Wisconsin	Alanna Smith	Texas
Crystal Glass	Ohio	Jenna Steury	Indiana
Anna Johnson	North Carolina	Jack Stokes	South Carolina
Kyle Kittelson	Kansas	Bobby Webb	Kentucky
Jinnie McLennan	Missouri	Joshua Wells	Colorado

The following students have been awarded single year scholarships for the upcoming school year:

Jackson Bowling	West Virginia	Abigail Malone	Minnesota
Geralyn Brantner	Wisconsin	Wesley McSparin	Kentucky
Ashlay Burgar	Illinois	Darshalin Morris	Texas
Dara Cameron	North Carolina	Timothy Myer	Wisconsin
Justin Carlson	Iowa	Justin Norenberg	Wisconsin
Rebecca Cedillo	Texas	Trent Osburn	Michigan
Paul Chamberlain	North Carolina	Ashley Owens	Pennsylvania
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Kristyn Dorsett	New Jersey	Patrick Robinson	New Hampshire
Trenton Edberg	Minnesota	Colleen Rooney	Illinois
Stacey Evoy	Tennessee	Peter Rooney	South Carolina
Nicholas Fischer	South Dakota	David Schrein	Ohio
Amy Foster	Ohio	James Simpson	New York
Christena Gabehart	Kentucky	Alexandra Smith	Florida
Megan Gunderson	Wisconsin	Zack Stephens	Ohio
Emily Hemphill	Texas	Andrew Sullivan	Massachusetts
Preston Holland	Texas	Niki Vrondakis	California
Kayla Jones	Michigan	Charlie Wheeler	Wyoming
Joel King	North Carolina		

We are also pleased to announce the recipient of the Kevin Tidwell Memorial Scholarship is Natalie Wasserman. She will receive \$2500 per year for four years. Natalie is from Missouri and will be attending the Washington University in St. Louis in the fall. This scholarship was made possible by the generous donation of \$10,000 from the Kevin Tidwell Foundation.

Mark Zielinski has been awarded the Tim and Ritch Dangel Memorial Scholarship. Mark is from Illinois and will be entering University of Chicago in the fall. He will receive \$2000 a year for four years. This award has been made possible by the fundraising efforts of the family of Tim and Ritch Dangel in Ohio. The family sponsored a golf tournament last fall and the proceeds were donated to fund this scholarship.

We wish to congratulate all of our award recipients as well as all of our applicants and wish them all the best in their studies this fall. Congratulations to all!

Meet Leanne, Class of 2007

I made the mistake of going to my first college fair when I was a sophomore in high school. Going from table to table, I collected dozens of brochures on colleges and universities all over the country, each one offering me four years of outstanding opportunities such as top-notch academics, innumerable extracurricular activities, and a diverse student body. From that very day on until I finally moved into my freshman dorm, all I wanted was to go to college. In my eyes, college was that place where I could receive all of the things promised to me in the fancy brochures, but more importantly, it was a time and place for me to discover who I was and who I wanted to be. When I visited Boston University with my mom during the college application process, I knew, within five minutes of stepping on campus, that it would be the place where I would come into my own.



It may sound like an exaggeration, but it is the honest truth when I say that at some point during each day of the four years that I have now been at Boston University, I have thought about how thankful and lucky I am to have discovered this amazing school and city. At B.U., I discovered and pursued a major in Art History. I took my passion further and volunteered for two years in an art museum, held various officer positions in the undergraduate Art History Association, and created various internships for myself at the Boston University Art Gallery, where I even got to co-curate an exhibition. I have spent the 4th of July at the Hatchshell watching fireworks while listening to the world-famous Boston Pops. I have gradually become a Red Sox fan,

and you better believe I was celebrating in the streets with everyone else in the city on the night they won the World Series. I am no longer phased when I wake up to three feet of snow outside my window, words like “wicked” have worked their way into my vocabulary, and I have eaten the best clam chowder in the world (no joke). To put it quite simply, Boston has become my home.

My undergraduate years have had some bumps in the road as well. In the past two years I’ve been hospitalized three times for acute exacerbations, each visit lasting several weeks. I was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis-related diabetes during the first week of my senior year, and I am constantly battling kidney stones. These obstacles, however, have only made me appreciate my life here in Boston even more. I have access to some of the best healthcare in the country, and I have the most supportive friends a person could ask for, which means a lot, living so far away from my family. I have not allowed my sickness to have a negative impact on me. In fact, it only provokes and inspires me to set and accomplish more goals for myself.

Now that I have graduated, I have many new things to look forward to. In the fall, I will be starting a two-year program at Boston University to get my Master’s degree in Art History and Museum Studies. As part of the program I will continue my work at the Boston University Art Gallery and intern at another art institution in Boston, which will provide valuable hands-on experience, and hopefully shed some light onto what type of career I might like to pursue once I receive my degree. I look forward to exploring and discovering every new thing that Boston has to offer me. And most of all, I am excited to wake up each day, still feeling like the luckiest person in the world, and live the amazing life that I have discovered within me.

Event at Dewey's American Grill in Highlands Ranch, Colorado



On June 19, 2007 the Seventh Annual Golf Tournament to benefit CFSF was held at the Highlands Ranch Golf Club with 40 golfers in attendance on a bright and sunny day. The day began at noon and included a box lunch, silent auction, raffle and dinner at Dewey's afterwards. CFSF would like to thank our main sponsor Millers Brewing. We also want to thank our other supporters including Coors, Pepsi, Sysco Foods. The event raised almost \$3,000 which will be used to fund scholarships. Thanks to all of the staff at Dewey's for their help at this fun day and evening.

Upcoming Wine Tasting Events

Our New York City wine tasting event which has been held in the fall the last two years will be delayed until later in 2008. If you are interested in working on the committee, please contact the Foundation at 847-328-0127 or email mkbcfsf@aol.com. We are looking for additional committee members to expand the event.

A wine tasting event is also planned for Chicago in 2008. We are in the beginning stages of planning this event and looking for interested volunteers to join the committee. We will have a kick off committee meeting in the fall. Similar to the theme of the NYC event, wines from a specific country will be featured and the evening will include great wine, food and a silent auction. If you are interested in joining this committee please call 847-328-0127 or email mkbcfsf@aol.com.

Thank you from 2007-2008 Scholarship Recipient

My name is Charlie. I am 17 years old, turning 18 in late August, and am attending the University of Wyoming with help from CFSF. I am most thankful in regards to the assistance you have offered me, and the many other kids who suffer from this disease. I will be a music major, as I have been teaching piano to many kids around the valley of Jackson Hole, WY for the past two years. I plan to make the most of my life and the opportunities that are given to me, and live healthily and happily.

Giving isn't something that is overly common in this day and age. What's further uncommon is the recognition of those who do give. Even though this is a turning point in my life, I seldom forget those who have helped me achieve my dreams. Know that you will not be forgotten, and that there is a place in my mind and heart for you. I hope to someday achieve enough so that I can give back, like you are doing, and

help someone who needs it. It is acts like this that define the goodness that is in everyone, and whether it is large or small, each act serves in one way or another.

I am neither a poet nor an author, and I have no other means of thanking you but a simple letter, and a rather short one at that. But know that I write honestly and thankfully for your gift and your sentiment. Maybe someday I can thank you properly.

Charlie

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The Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation wishes to acknowledge the wonderful generosity of individuals and foundations who have become our partners. Without their generosity, individual interest and commitment, our scholarship recipients would not be able to pursue their dreams of a further education. There have been many gifts to honor and remember friends and family of our donors. We would also like to take this opportunity to recognize those that have been remembered with a gift to the Foundation. To each and every one of you who have supported us during this year, Thank You!

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