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2010 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Progress

- The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has fueled dramatic improvements in research and care. Because of the work of the Foundation, people with CF are living longer, healthier lives.
- In 1955, children born with CF often died before reaching elementary school. Today, the median predicted age of survival is more than 37 years, and more than 46 percent of people with CF are age 18 or older.
- For more than 20 years, the Foundation has consistently been recognized as one of the most effective and efficient organizations of its kind. It has received a four-star rating for sound fiscal management from *Charity Navigator*, the largest independent charity evaluator in the United States, and is an accredited charity of the *Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance*.
- The Foundation's unique approach to drug discovery has yielded a *therapeutics pipeline* with more than 30 potential therapies in development for CF.
- Virtually every approved CF drug available today was made possible because of Foundation support. Since the 1980s, the Foundation has played an integral role in the development of Pulmozyme[®], TOBI[®], azithromycin and hypertonic saline, essential drugs for the treatment of CF.
- For the first time in the history of the disease, CF clinical trial participants are taking oral drugs aimed at treating the basic defect in CF (a faulty protein). If successful, these drugs could add decades of life for people with the disease.
- The Foundation's business model has been recognized by the National Institutes of Health and by publications such as *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *BusinessWeek*.
- To address this growing problem of the high cost of treatment, the Foundation established the *Cystic Fibrosis Patient Assistance Foundation* (CFPAF), a nonprofit subsidiary. Funded by grants from pharmaceutical companies, the CFPAF provides financial assistance to CF patients for select medications.
- The Foundation's Care Center Network, consisting of approximately 110 care centers and 55 affiliate programs nationwide, ensures that people with CF receive the best care possible—no matter where they live. The CF clinic at St. Mary's in West Palm Beach provides care for more than 100 CF families.
- To meet the growing need for adult-specific care, the Foundation launched the *Program for Adult Care Excellence* (PACE), a multi-million dollar initiative to enhance CF care for adults and recruit new physicians to the field of CF.
- To instill best practices in its care center network, the CF Foundation launched a Quality Improvement Initiative. The program has garnered national acclaim for its success in improving health outcomes.
- Because of the CF Foundation's newborn screening initiative, all 50 states and the District of Columbia now screen newborns for cystic fibrosis. Newborn screening is critically important for this disease because early diagnosis allows for early treatment, which leads to better overall health.

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