CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION®

THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS COMMUNITY IN WISCONSIN

CYSTIC FIBROSIS IS A LIFE-THREATENING, GENETIC DISEASE THAT AFFECTS MORE THAN 30,000 CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN THE UNITED STATES. Real progress has been made in improving the length and quality of life for people with CF, but there is still no cure, and we need your help. Together, we will build hope and add tomorrows.

WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE CYSTIC FIBROSIS

- CF is caused by a defective gene that makes the body produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, pancreas, and other parts of the body.
- This mucus makes it extremely difficult for people with CF to breathe and leads to life-threatening infections.
- To date, 14 CF therapies have been approved. Four of these treatments target the underlying cause of the disease including Trikafta™, which was approved by the FDA in 2019.
- Through the CF Foundation's efforts and support of research, drug development, and specialized care, the life expectancy of a child with CF has doubled in the last 30 years.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FACTS IN WISCONSIN

~690 people with CF

7 accredited CF care center programs

20,000 CF advocates

$ 8.8M in CF Foundation-awarded grants and research in the last five years

40% of children with CF rely on Medicaid and **24%** of adults with CF rely on Medicaid