

Top 10 Reasons to Support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

1. **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is *adding tomorrows every day* to the lives of those with cystic fibrosis.** In 1955, when the CF Foundation was established, children with cystic fibrosis did not live to attend elementary school. Today, thanks to wise investments made by the Foundation in innovative research and comprehensive care, the median age of survival for a person with cystic fibrosis is nearly 37 years.
2. **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is efficient.** *Forbes* and *SmartMoney* have recognized the CF Foundation for its enterprising and efficient approach to curing a genetic disease. In 2005, approximately 90 cents of the revenue raised was available for investment in vital cystic fibrosis program services.
3. **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is a leader.** The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has taken a leadership role in the development of promising new drugs for cystic fibrosis. Because CF is considered an orphan disease, most biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies are unlikely to commit resources to develop drugs for CF without the Foundation's efforts to reduce risk. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has devised an innovative business model to ensure a commitment to drug development that is unrivaled by any other voluntary health organization.
4. **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation leverages investments to build a robust drug development pipeline.** By fostering alliances with dozens of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies through its nonprofit drug discovery and development affiliate, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics, Inc., the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation helps to bridge the gap between the laboratory findings and drugs for the patient by supporting a pipeline of more than two dozen potential therapies.
5. **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has a clear vision.** Because of its visionary focus, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has brought top-notch scientists from many disciplines, medical institutions and corporations together under one virtual roof where it sets the scientific agenda and directs the likely paths to developing new and potentially life-saving therapies.
6. **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation provides specialized care.** By funding and accrediting a nationwide network of specialty care centers, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation ensures that people with this complex disease have access to state-of-the-art care.”)
7. **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has been praised by leaders at the National Institutes of Health.** The Foundation has been heralded as an excellent example of a group that works closely and successfully with medical researchers in the government, academia and private industry to develop drugs and to increase the quality of life and life expectancy of patients with the disease.
8. **The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation does not receive direct federal funding.** The Foundation depends upon the generosity of individual donors, foundations and corporations to support its vital mission.
9. **By applying the same principles that a for-profit company follows—efficiency, innovation, and a results-driven approach—the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is making a profound difference in the lives of those with cystic fibrosis.**
10. **Feel good that you are making a difference in the lives of 30,000 young people living with CF today.**