

Tea Times!

January 2010



As Always - - -

Our tea senders are the life blood of this organization. Everything we accomplish reflects your generosity and hard work. We are thrilled to report that we exceeded this year's MDT goal of \$250,000 by over \$4,000! ***Thank you, thank you, thank you!***

In 2009, we increased our funding - - -

of CF research by over 40%! Amazing news in stressed economic times when nonprofits are cutting back. We were able to match a generous donation from the Daniel Tyler Health and Education Foundation and grow our funding of research through our New Horizons Campaign. How? With your help!

CFRI: Going Green!

Would you prefer that we send you future reports and the Tea Times electronically? Our goal is to reduce our hardcopies in order to maximize the value of each donation. To do this, **we need your email address** as well as the changes in your tea list. Having up-to-date mailing addresses in our database is critical in keeping our records accurate.

Send your Coupon (order) by March 17 - - - to be eligible to **WIN** a beautiful ceramic teapot! All orders received by that date for 10 or more invitations will be put into a raffle drawing. Soon, you will be able to place Mothers' Day Tea orders on-line with "eCoupons." Stay tuned!

Enclosed with this Tea Times - - -

is your year-end report. This follows one sent to you in the fall. It includes all donations received in 2009 in response to your invitation. It also gives you the current addresses we have on file for your donors. If you have any additions or updates, please email Elena: EFrancois@cfri.org. Thank you for your help!

How we keep in touch with you - - -

1. With this mailing, we are sending
 - Your end-of-year report. Please let us know of any corrections for the coming year.
 - Coupons for our 2010 tea: place your order (or add to it) any time!
 - And, of course, the Tea Times ☺
2. You return any updated addresses and corrections/additions to us in the next few weeks.
3. In March/April, we will mail you the supplies for the Tea for you to send out.
4. In response to your invitation, donors send us contributions throughout the year - we even received "tea donations" in December!
5. We send you a preliminary report in the fall.
6. Then, we send you the year-end report.





Who Would've Thought - - -

For thirty-five years, we have graciously included a tea bag in our Mothers' Day Tea invitations. Our recipients could then sit down with a steaming cup of tea and read the information we provided about Cystic Fibrosis. Who would've thought that the tea bag could become a problem?

The US Post Office tells us that the tea bag insert can cause the cancellation machine to jam, if it makes too a lumpy package. (In most cases this does not happen.) Those envelopes would be stamped as "rejected" and returned to the sender – whether that is a CFRI Tea Sender or the office.

What To Do! - - -

The Mothers' Day Tea Committee has reviewed many brands of tea! Our conclusion is that R.C. Bigelow continues to provide us with the best supply possible, and we are most grateful for their support. Volunteers at our office will do their best to "flatten" the teabag before it is shipped to you! This will really help.

Traditionally - - -

The idea behind the home address of the tea sender and a first class stamp on the envelope is to encourage recipients to open the invitation. It came from a friend or relation who cared enough to send it first class.

Posting - - -

Almost all tea senders donate the stamps they use - this is a wonderful help to CFRI. We design the tea invitation so that even with the addition of a small photo or note, the weight of the mailing should be no more than one ounce.

It is less than ¼ inch wide, even with the tea bag, remit envelope, trifold brochure and invitation. That keeps the mailing cost to a first class stamp. Some choose to send an *additional* enclosure, and we appreciate the extra postage they contribute for the heavier mailing.

Meet Walker!



Almost 2 years old

Walker is the first child in Arizona to be diagnosed with CF through Newborn Screening. His grandmother attended our CFRI National Family Education Conference last year to take important information back to her family. Thanks to early diagnosis and follow-up care, Walker is thriving! We are delighted to welcome him into the CFRI family.

2010 Mothers' Day Tea Committee

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Connecting CF Resources with Community Needs