

Tea Times!



Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc.

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Signs of Spring

Flowers, sunshine, shorts, baseball, brighter smiles, al fresco dining and the Mothers' Day Tea Kickoff invitation. CFRI is on the march! Cheered by the good news of Newborn Screening and greater life expectancy for patients with cystic fibrosis, we at CFRI count other precious blessings: our researchers and our tea senders. These go hand in hand as the tea senders enable our funding of research, helping many researchers work toward the goal we all strive for - a cure for CF.

We hope that you will attend the Kickoff. It's a place where you learn you are not alone in your efforts at fundraising, maybe pick up some helpful hints and come away inspired by the stories of frustration and hope that are so a part of the CF experience.

Where and When

This year, the MDT Kickoff will be held on Sunday, March 20th at the home of Jim and Barbara Curry in Hillsborough, California.

It's sure to be a warm and friendly occasion with lots of experienced parents who will gladly share tips and information with our new parents and recount old stories and events with long-time friends. It is truly a festive, helpful and inclusive occasion. Event details and directions to the Curry's home will be mailed to you in February.

Orange and Spice, Nice!

We will provide Bigelow Orange and Spice Tea to include with the Mothers' Day Tea invitation. Our trifold brochure features Gianna Serrato, who is one and a half years old and lives in Campbell, California. Come on up to support this little angel. You have to admit she's a cutie!



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And The Lucky Winner Is...

Last year's winner of the beautiful teapot, donated by Pat Flynn, was Margaret Byrnes, a wonderful tea sender who lives in Florida and knows our community well!

All Tea Senders who send in their MDT orders prior to the drawing on March 20th will be eligible for a chance to win this year's cupcake teapot!



Please

If for any reason, this is not a good year for you to send invitations, please let us help you! CFRI staff will schedule volunteers to do your mailing for you. That's one phone call on your part. Otherwise, the office staff has to make a lot of phone calls to people who haven't responded to ask permission to do the mailing.

Also, **please contact JoAnn at (650) 404-9979 or jdavis@cfri.org with any additions, changes or updates to your list.** It's such a big help to us in keeping our records accurate.

To order your invitations early, mail your request to the office or contact Mary at (650) 404-9975 or mconvento@cfri.org.

Our Tea Senders

The Mothers' Day Tea was a good, loving idea from day one. It enabled family members and friends to help in a meaningful way when feeling helpless against a killer disease. It helped parents overcome isolation and worry when they knew others out there cared enough about them and their child to pitch in and join the Tea.

36 years ago, the first tea senders were a small group of about ten local relatives of children with CF. Over the years, those numbers have grown! Today, over 250 parents, relatives, friends and neighbors send out tea invitations across the nation and around the world.

The nicest aspect of the MDT letters is the communications that go from house to house with pictures and progress reports as well as shared worry and comforting words. People-to-people bonds are forged, and offers of help are made. And money is sent to CFRI for research and education. Donations "in memory of" share our love for members of our community, the honorariums become a way to say: I admire you, you're doing a good job and I wish you well.

Spring is a time of new growth and renewed hope. We need your help to continue further the growth of our research, education and advocacy programs for the CF community.

2011 Mothers' Day Tea Committee

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Pat Flynn

Ann Robinson

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