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Middletown Community Joins the Fight Against Cystic Fibrosis

August 23 2019, Middletown, CT – The CT Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host a CF Cycle for Life event as part of a national effort to raise funds and awareness for cystic fibrosis, a rare, genetic disease that progressively limits the ability to breathe and ultimately causes premature death. Cyclists in Middletown will join thousands of others in CF Cycle for Life rides across the country to support the Foundation’s search for a cure for CF. The ride will take place on Saturday, September 21st 2019 at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, CT Chapter 101 Centerpoint Drive, Middletown CT.

“Every cyclist who joins us makes a difference in the lives of people living with cystic fibrosis,” said Dawn Harris, Executive Director of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation CT Chapter. “When the Foundation was founded in 1955, children with CF typically did not live long enough to attend elementary school. Today, people in our community are living long enough to achieve milestones like graduating from high school and getting married. We have made tremendous progress, but too many people are still losing their fight with CF too soon. We still have a long way to go until we reach our goal of a cure for everyone with this terrible disease.”

In 2018, the Foundation spent an estimated \$188 million to uncover new treatments for CF and to support the delivery of high-quality, specialized care for people with the disease—the most in the organization’s history. This year, the Foundation hopes to raise \$3.3 million through CF Cycle for Life to help advance its mission to find a cure and empower all people with CF to live full, productive lives.

Jacob Levy, 16 years old, from Woodbridge diagnosed with CF at 8 weeks old and the 2019 CT Cycle for Life Ambassador says “I’ve never let it stop me from doing what I want. I’m riding not for myself, but for those with CF who can’t ride and to continue to fight for a cure. I hope to see everyone at the ride!”

Details About CF Cycle for Life Connecticut Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Saturday, September 21, 2019 – check in begins at 7:30 AM. Fifty-mile route start: 8:30 AM, twenty-five-mile route start: 9:30 AM. Entertainment, food and fun following the ride with awards and the Annual Will Reimer Spirit Award.

How to Register

To get involved in CF Cycle for Life and help fight CF, please call the Connecticut Chapter at 860-632-7300 or visit <http://fightcf.cff.org/ctcycle19>

The CF Foundation is an accredited charity of the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance.

About the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world’s leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis. The Foundation funds more CF research than any other organization, and nearly every CF drug available today was made possible because of Foundation support. Based in Bethesda, Md., the Foundation also supports and accredits a national care center network that has been recognized by the National Institutes of Health as a model of care for a chronic disease. The CF Foundation is a donor-supported nonprofit organization. For more information, please go to www.cff.org.