

**Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Southern California
Mid-Year Chapter Update**



...adding tomorrows every day.

President's Message



Greetings! Since becoming President of the [Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](#), Southern California Chapter in January 2005, it has been an absolute honor to help steer this worthwhile organization toward its goal of finding a cure for CF. As we enter the second-half of the year, I want to take this opportunity to update you on where the Chapter stands today.

To begin, I want to introduce myself to those of you who don't yet know me. About six years ago, I moved from the Midwest to Orange County. At that time, several colleagues -- all longtime supporters of CF -- encouraged me to become involved. Today, I continue to be overwhelmed by the courage of the children and young adults I meet who live everyday with CF yet find a way to show us all the true meaning of hope, faith and strength of character.

One of our Chapter's top priorities this year is to expand the awareness of CF and how close we are to a cure. We all need to reach beyond our comfort zone and expand our sphere of supporters. We have a terrific roster of events this year and I encourage you to reach out to others around you -- friends, corporate sponsors, local businesses, and neighbors. With their help and yours, a cure will be found. In fact, some say it could be within the next decade, which certainly can be a reality with the support of caring sponsors and friends like [BJ's Restaurants, Inc.](#), [American Airlines](#), Pat O'Connell, [Andy Gump](#) and Strange & Carpenter. These recent donations and revenue generated from upcoming events will help the Foundation fund cutting-edge research and provide care for CF patients here and across the country. In fact, as of June 30th, we were at \$3,904,362 on a \$4,500,147 budget.

Yet, as wonderful as this news is, this is not the time to rest on our laurels. With a cure in sight, we need to remain vigilant. We have a wonderful roster of events still slated for 2005 including the upcoming Angels Care Golf Classic hosted by Don Baylor and Mike Scioscia, [Barry Manilow Music and Passion Concert](#), Dolphin Ball, [Orange County Marathon](#), [Freeze the Disease Celebrity Hockey](#), Dux in Tux Celebrity Servers Gala and a myriad of others.

In closing, I would like to extend my appreciation to all supporters and volunteers and to the dedicated staff at the Chapter.

Regards,

Bob Waltos

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