

# grand chefs experience

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## CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION



**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

Field Museum | 1400 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL

6:00pm - 12:00am | [www.cffgrandchefs.com](http://www.cffgrandchefs.com)

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# Driven by a Dream



The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead long, fulfilling lives by funding research and drug development, partnering with the CF community, and advancing high-quality, specialized care.

## About the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

We are driven by a dream that one day – every person with cystic fibrosis will have the chance to live a long, healthy life. Recognized globally, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has led the way in the fight against cystic fibrosis, fueling extraordinary medical and scientific progress.

The life expectancy of someone born with CF has doubled in the last 30 years. Despite this progress, many people with CF do not benefit from existing therapies. Our vision is a cure for every person with cystic fibrosis and a life free from the burden of this disease. We will not leave anyone behind. You are an important part of our progress. Together, let's make CF stand for Cure Found.



## About Cystic Fibrosis

In people with cystic fibrosis, a defective gene causes a thick buildup of mucus in the lungs, pancreas and other organs. In the lungs, mucus clogs the airways and traps bacteria, leading to infections, extensive lung damage and respiratory failure. Many people with CF do not benefit from existing therapies, either because their disease is too advanced or because their specific genetic mutations will not respond.

Those who can take current therapies continue to face challenging complications--leading to hospitalizations, missed school and work, and significant interruptions in their daily routine. And, many children and adults with CF still face the sobering prospect of a shortened life span.



# Meet Kathy and Kent Duncan

Board members and Grampion Chairs, Kathy and Kent Duncan have been actively fighting to make CF stand for Cure Foundation ever since they learned their grandson, Luca, had cystic fibrosis. As pillars in our Chicago CF community, their vision is clear: a cure for ALL living and impacted by cystic fibrosis. Advances in genetic-based therapies have progressed significantly, but our job is not finished.

“As members of the cystic fibrosis community, we have found a second family of compassionate, loving people. We have felt an incredible amount of support, leaning on these friendships that were formed through understanding. From the Foundation, from our family and our friends, from doctors, from other grandparents, from all of you. It truly takes a village and there is no amount of thanks that will represent our gratitude for all that are in this fight with us.”



## A CURE FOR ALL.

Winning this fight means working harder and faster. Genetic therapies – our best hope for curing cystic fibrosis – are more complex than anything we have ever done. Progressing a genetic therapy could cost the Foundation 10 times more than the development of a novel therapy a decade ago. The Foundation is leading the way in applying this emerging science to CF.

In addition to CF, there are more than 1,000 diseases caused by this type of genetic mutation, virtually all of which have eluded researchers seeking FDA-approved therapies. While our focus is on cutting-edge research for CF, our hope is that future genetic-based therapies could also benefit many others living with genetic diseases. You are an important part of our progress. Corporate donations help accelerate scientific advancements.

Our vision is a **CURE** for **100%** of people living with cystic fibrosis.

**We will not leave anyone behind.**

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OF THE CF FOUNDATION

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CURES EXIST FOR  
CYSTIC FIBROSIS





Signature Hors D'oeuvres  
from Chicago's Top  
Restaurants

Custom Cocktails from  
Chicago's Favorite  
Cocktail Lounges

Mouth-Watering Pastries  
from Renown Pastry Chefs

Live Music

## The Grand Chefs Experience

In 2023, The Grand Chefs Experience raised over **\$560,000** in support of the CF Foundation. We look forward to the one-of-a-kind tasting once again, welcoming over **600 supporters** to an exclusive evening of custom cocktails and signature hors d'oeuvres.

The evening includes a spirited live program featuring our honored CF Fighter and the opportunity to support scientific advancements during our bid for a cure and dynamic live auction.

Throughout the evening, food will be abundant, libations will be flowing, and your support will make us one step closer to a CURE.





You have an opportunity to make  
**CF stand for Cure Found.**

## Benefits for your Corporation and Team

- Position your brand well in local communities and create connections with consumers
- Align with a results-driven organization where your support makes an impact
- Corporate outings unite colleagues, encourage collaboration and build leadership

The Grand Chefs Experience offers a fantastic opportunity to unify our community in support of those with cystic fibrosis, as well as play a key role in helping us achieve our fundraising goal.



Sponsoring the Grand Chefs Experience supports the mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead long, fulfilling lives by funding research and drug development, partnering with the CF community, and advancing high-quality, specialized care.

“ Our vision for the future is clear: transformative therapy and a cure for every person with cystic fibrosis. Our most important and challenging work is ahead of us. ”

-Michael P. Boyle, MD  
President and Chief Executive Officer





# 2024 Grand Chefs Experience **Sponsorship Opportunities**

## **Premier Supporter - \$25,000\***

(\$20,500 Tax-Deductible)

- Company will have the opportunity to present a dedicated portion of the Grand Chefs Experience (ex: Chefs Tasting presented by Company Name, Nightcap presented by Company Name)
- Company will present the photobooth with featured brand activation
- Three (3) reserved tables for 30 guests with premier seating
- Champagne service at your three (3) tables
- Opportunity for company representative to speak on-stage at the live program
- Inclusion in event press release(s) as Premier Supporter
- Company Logo placed in lead position on all printed and electronic materials and communication for the Grand Chefs Experience including but not limited to:
  - Event website ([www.cffgrandchefs.com](http://www.cffgrandchefs.com))
  - Invitation (subject to August 1st print deadline)
  - Event presentation screen at the Grand Chefs Experience
  - Auction mobile bidding site
- Company logo presented in gobo lighting along with all other \$15,000+ sponsors
- 60-second CFF reviewed video message in digital program book
- Full page recognition in digital program book
- Acknowledgement on chapter's Facebook and Instagram

Sponsorship of this event supports the mission of the  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.





## Platinum Supporter - \$15,000\*

(\$12,000 Tax-Deductible)

- Company will have the opportunity to present a dedicated portion of the Grand Chefs Experience (ex: Live Auction presented by Company Name, Coat Check presented by Company Name, Registration presented by Company Name)
- Two (2) reserved tables for 20 guests with premier seating
- Champagne service at your two (2) tables
- Company Logo placed on all printed and electronic materials and communication for the Grand Chefs Experience including but not limited to:
  - Event website ([www.cffgrandchefs.com](http://www.cffgrandchefs.com))
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## Gold Supporter - \$10,000\*

(\$8,500 Tax-Deductible)

- Company will have the opportunity to present a dedicated portion of the Grand Chefs Experience (ex: Valet presented by Company Name, Silent Auction presented by Company Name)
- One (1) reserved table for 10 guests with premier seating
- Champagne service at your table
- Company Logo placed on all printed and electronic materials and communication for the Grand Chefs Experience including but not limited to:
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- 30-second CFF reviewed video message in digital program book
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## Rose Supporter - \$6,500\*

(\$5,000 Tax-Deductible)

- One (1) reserved table for 10 guests with premier seating
- Company Logo placed on all printed and electronic materials and communication for the Grand Chefs Experience including but not limited to:
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## Table Supporter - \$5,000\*

(\$3,500 Tax-Deductible)

- One (1) reserved table for 10 guests

**The price increases to \$5,500 (\$4,000 Tax-Deductible) on November 15, 2023**

## Friend of the Foundation - \$1,500\*

(100% Tax-Deductible)

- Company logo on event presentation screen at Grand Chefs Experience
- 1/2 page recognition in digital program book

\*Please note that benefits will be activated once sponsorship is paid in full.





## Individual Ticket - \$500

(\$350 Tax-Deductible)

- One (1) ticket to attend the Grand Chefs Experience

**The price increases to \$550 on November 15, 2023**

**(\$400 Tax-Deductible)**

## Nightcap Ticket - \$150

(\$98 Tax-Deductible)

- One (1) ticket to attend the Grand Chefs Experience Nightcap taking place from 9:00pm - 12:00am

**The price increases to \$165 on November 15, 2023**

**(\$113 Tax-Deductible)**

# TIMELINE

- 6:00 PM** Registration Opens, Chefs Tasting Begins featuring Chicago's Finest Chefs
- 8:00 PM** Dinner Service Begins
- 8:30 PM** Live Program Begins, Live Auction, and Bid for a Cure
- 9:00 PM** Nightcap Registration Opens
- 9:30 PM** Nightcap Begins featuring Chicago's Elite Pastry Chefs and the City's Trendsetters in Bartending, Live Music, and Dancing
- 12:00 AM** Event Concludes

Events may be subject to change at any time, based on health concerns, including concerns based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health officials. In these instances when events are moved to a virtual format, sponsorship benefits may be adjusted to suit the virtual format.

Sponsors may be required to wear a mask, if they are interacting with event participants or manning a care and share table, based on venue guidelines, local municipality guidelines and/or the current COVID situation where the event is taking place.



# 2024 Grand Chefs Experience Sponsorship Form



Sponsorship of this event supports the mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Web Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to become a sponsor at the following level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Premier \$25,000 (\$20,500 tax-deductible)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum \$15,000 (\$12,000 tax-deductible)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold \$10,000 (\$8,500 tax-deductible)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rose \$6,500 (\$5,000 tax-deductible)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table Supporter \$5,000 (\$3,500 tax-deductible) | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of the Foundation \$1,500 (100% tax-deductible) |

\*Table Supporter increases to \$5,500 (\$4,400 tax-deductible) on November 15th

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Ticket \$500 (\$350 tax-deductible) | *Individual Tickets increase to \$550 (\$400 tax-deductible) on November 15th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nightcap Ticket \$150 (\$98 tax-deductible)    | *Nightcap Tickets increase to \$165 (\$113 tax-deductible) on November 15th   |

I cannot sponsor but want to make a general donation to the event: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Payment:

- ☐ Check enclosed (payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation) ☐ Please invoice  
☐ Please call for payment: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Company Credit Card Payment ☐ Personal Credit Card Payment

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Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount to charge: \_\_\_\_\_

This signature authorizes the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to charge the credit card number above the stated and agreed upon amount. Credit card information will be securely destroyed immediately after processing.

Greater Illinois Chapter  
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Chicago, IL 60601

## Questions?

Hannah Klinnert Sowa at [hklinnert@cff.org](mailto:hklinnert@cff.org) and 872-265-1008

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has unrestricted financial reserves of about 10 times its 2023 operating budget. These reserves are largely a result of the Foundation's successful venture philanthropy model, through which we have raised and invested hundreds of millions of dollars to help discover and develop breakthrough CF therapies. These funds and any future revenue from our model are reinvested into the CF Foundation's mission to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead long, fulfilling lives. To obtain a copy of our latest Annual Report, visit <https://www.cff.org/about-us/annual-reports-and-financials>, email [info@cff.org](mailto:info@cff.org) or call 1-800-FIGHT-CF.



## IMPORTANT NOTE ON ATTENDANCE AT FOUNDATION EVENTS

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 the Foundation is taking steps to host safe events for our community. Please be advised that events may be subject to change at any time based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health officials. To help minimize the risk of COVID-19, we ask that attendees at CF Foundation events follow these steps:

- Where mandated, practice physical distancing and maintain at least a safe 6-foot distance from persons outside of their household.
- Face masks are encouraged and should be worn in accordance with local guidelines. (Note, children under two years of age should not wear masks due to safety concerns and therefore should only attend outdoor CF Foundation events where they are able to distance and stay within their family group.)
- Follow basic infection, prevention and control practices by regularly washing hands with soap and water or with an alcohol-based hand gel, and by covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your inner elbow.
- Persons with CF should consult their physician before participation in any in-person event as they may be at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- For indoor events, it is CFF policy to invite only one person with CF to be in-person at the event at a time. For outdoor events, people with CF should maintain a safe 6-foot distance from persons outside of their household at all times.

## FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS:

- For the health and wellbeing of the CF community, we strongly encourage that participants be fully vaccinated and have received the CDC recommended booster shot when joining us in-person for the event.
- Please be advised certain localities and venues may require you to be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination. We will communicate these requirements in event communications.
- We are counting on the fact that you appreciate the potential consequences of exposing members of the CF community to COVID-19 and will not attend an event if you are feeling ill or have been recently exposed to COVID-19.
- We cannot guarantee that all people in attendance at the event, including participants, sponsors, volunteers, vendors, or others, have been fully vaccinated.

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## CFF RESTRICTED LOGO USE SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This Restricted Logo Use Sponsor Acknowledgement ("Acknowledgement") between the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation ("CFF") and the Sponsor, who accepts this Acknowledgement ("Sponsor"). CFF grants to Sponsor a revocable, nonexclusive license to use the Logo (as defined below) in connection with the event to which the Sponsor is contributing ("Event"). Sponsor shall not use the Logo in any manner except as expressly set forth herein from the date of this signed Acknowledgement to up to the Event date. Sponsor agrees to use the Logo only, in connection with the Event and further agrees not to use the Logo in connection with any other sponsors whose logo or brand are deemed to be offensive, defamatory or vulgar. All references to the Logo shall mean the logo associated with the Event. Sponsor agrees not to use the CFF's Logo in a manner inconsistent with proper trademark use, or in any manner that tarnishes the name or reputation of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Sponsor agrees to comply with any requirements established by CFF concerning the style, design, display and use of the Logo with every use of the Logo. Sponsor agrees to send CFF the website link or other relevant materials upon completion of adding the Logo to any promotional materials or third-party sites as part of the sponsorship. Sponsor shall also comply with requests from CFF for additional information, documents, or specimens concerning its use of the Logo. Sponsor agrees to modify or terminate any use of the Logo within 10 days of notice by CFF that, in its sole discretion, such use is not approved. Sponsor agrees that ownership of the Logo and the goodwill relating thereto shall remain vested in CFF both during the period of this license and thereafter. Participant agrees never to challenge, encourage a third-party challenge, or support any challenge to CFF's ownership of the Logo. Sponsor agrees to promptly inform CFF of the use of any marks similar to the Logo and any potential infringements of CFF's Logo that come to Sponsor's attention. Sponsor represents and warrants that it shall not use the Logo in any way that, directly or indirectly, raises any revenue for Sponsor. Sponsor and CFF agree that this license shall be royalty-free. Nothing herein shall be construed as an endorsement by CFF of the Sponsor or the Sponsor's business or activities. The Sponsor agrees and accepts this Acknowledgement upon providing CFF with a sponsorship payment.