



The Orr Family

Great Strides Walk

Great Strides, now in its 22nd year, raises critical funds for life-saving research, education and care programs for cystic fibrosis, a fatal genetic disease. The goal of Great Strides is to raise forty million dollars at six hundred and fifty walk sites around the country. Funds raised through the walk have helped spur dramatic advances in cystic fibrosis research and care. Fifty years ago, most children with CF did not live long enough to attend elementary school. Today, the median predicted age of survival is more than thirty seven years old.

CF Foundation's Great Strides Weston walk. "We are grateful for the contributions of each volunteer, donor and corporate sponsor who support Great Strides. Every walker is doing their part in this life-saving effort."

Great Strides 2011 is sponsored nationally by American Airlines® and Abbott Pharmaceuticals and locally by Douglas Orr Plumbing, Weston Leasing, media sponsors Clear Channel and Weston Lifestyle and technology sponsor Saveology. Nearly ninety cents of every dollar raised by the CF Foundation is available to fund CF research and care programs.

This year's walk will take place on Saturday, April 1st. There will be food, music, prizes, fun and entertainment. The three mile walk will start at the Weston Town Center Bell Tower and will continue throughout the area. The foundation invites everyone to come out and join in the fun – bring your family, friends and neighbors! Registration begins at 8:00 am and the walk will begin at 9:00 am.

Cystic fibrosis is a life-threatening genetic disease which affects thirty thousand adults and children in the United States and seventy thousand people worldwide. It causes debilitating lung infections which lead to premature death. More than ten million Americans are symptomless carriers of the CF gene.

The CF Foundation has earned a four-star rating for sound fiscal management from Charity Navigator and is an accredited charity of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance.

The Orr Family, Weston residents will be participating in this years walk because their youngest daughter, Ashley, eight years old has cystic fibrosis. The Orr's are committed to helping the Foundation find a cure. "With so much promising research on the horizon, it is more important than ever that we raise every dollar we can to fight CF and improve the lives of people with this disease," said Leah Orr, volunteer chair for the

To help fight CF, get involved in GREAT STRIDES by calling the CF Foundation's South Florida Chapter at 954-739-5006 or by visiting their website at www.cff.org **LM**