



Meet Maggie!

“She loves to play soccer and softball, to run with her dogs, and to pretend in play that she can be anyone and do anything the world has to offer her. “

Maggie is a sweet, intelligent, headstrong 6 year old who was diagnosed with CF on her newborn screen. She is a very lucky girl as her form of CF is quite mild. She has, fortunately, never been hospitalized for her diagnosis and does a very limited medical regimen compared to most other CF kids and adults.

The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with the disease the opportunity to lead full, productive lives by funding research and drug development, promoting individualized treatment and ensuring access to high-quality, specialized care.

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Maggie does vest therapy twice a day for 30 minutes each time. She gets blood drawn once a year, throat cultures every 3 months, and sees her pulmonologist every 6 months with pulmonary function tests. Although our CF regimen day in and day out is quite modest compared to most, you can imagine that sacrificing an hour of precious play time in the summers or an extra 30-45 minutes of sleep in the morning before school can be quite frustrating for Maggie. Maggie knows that she has CF and is now old enough and astute enough to be able to explain to others what her diagnosis means. Like most kids, she does not like the feeling of being different, but despite that she looks forward to the Run Like Hell every year and truly appreciates the high volume of support just for her from her team.

Her family works to raise money to cure kids with severe CF but also to research how to manage kids and adults like Maggie in a world where this population of CFers is currently unexplored. Their goal as a family is to make sure that Maggie's quality of life will always maintain to be as excellent as it is now.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is a wonderful organization which has helped change the face of this disease process by leaps and bounds over the last several years. CF is no longer only a childhood illness because of the Foundation. I firmly believe that Maggie will reach all of the milestones that any other child her age would be expected to in a lifetime, and we will work until this is a fact for her and for all those effected by CF.

