



**THE BONNELL  
FOUNDATION:**  
LIVING WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS  
Roadmap to CF™  
[thebonnellfoundation.org](http://thebonnellfoundation.org)

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**LIVE. BREATHE. INSPIRE.**

## OUR WHY



Thank you and The Bonnell Foundation so much for being so gracious and helping me with my CF bills. I cannot adequately put into words how grateful I am to receive this; it has been such a weight on my shoulders. I appreciate the assistance tremendously and thank you for all you guys do for the CF community. Foundations like The Bonnell Foundation make living with CF a little easier. – RJ

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Bonnell Foundation gets requests weekly for financial assistance. If our application requirements are met, every person who applies for financial assistance is awarded funds. Lung Transplant grants are awarded as well.

Financial Assistance link: <https://thebonnellfoundation.org/financial-assistance/>

Lung Transplant Grants link: <https://thebonnellfoundation.org/lung-transplant-assistance/>



Children's Organ  
Transplant Association.

The Bonnell Foundation partners with COTA to help with grants for CF patients needing financial assistance in relation to transplantation.

## RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Bonnell Foundation is working to get the Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC) passed in both the house and senate. The RDAC has passed in half the states in the U.S. This would give the 1 million people in Michigan with rare diseases, a voice.

## PEOPLE OF COLOR

People of color have been misdiagnosed for years. Underdiagnosis continues to be a problem, not only in the U.S., but around the world. On behalf of The Bonnell Foundation, Laura traveled to Egypt to meet with CF families. The average life expectancy in Egypt is 8 years old (it's 50 in the U.S.). Bonnell continues to raise awareness about efforts by Dr. Samya Nasr (U of M Hospital) on behalf of the people of Egypt. For the Hispanic community, The Bonnell Foundation started the CF Familia page which is in English and Spanish. The Bonnell Foundation has worked with The National Organization of African Americans with CF to help raise awareness. Thanks to the efforts of many, people of color are being diagnosed by doctors and newborn screening, but we still have a long way to go. The Bonnell Foundation also works with the National Organization of African Americans with CF (NOAACF) to help raise awareness.

The Bonnell Foundation began in August of 2010. Laura Bonnell saw a need not being met for cystic fibrosis parents. CF parents need emotional and financial support.



Molly, Laura, Emily and Joe Bonnell



## CF IMPACT GRANT

The Bonnell Foundation was awarded a grant from the CF Foundation to start the CF Master Class. It features 12 parents who have a child(ren) with CF. They share the diagnosis story (often through tears and laughter), and their expertise raising a child with CF. Parents talk about having faith, adopting a child with CF, being Hispanic and having access to information, deciding to have one child after diagnosis, working through emotional times, being a single father to a child with CF and much more. We're also thankful to have the spouse of a person with CF tell her story. It's free to subscribe.

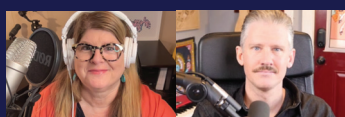
CF Master Class link: <https://cfmasterclass.org>



### Living with Cystic Fibrosis



The Bonnell Foundation Podcast



Our award winning podcasts feature prominent people in the CF community, we discuss issues that impact all of us, talk to people with CF, parents of kids with CF, a band traveling the world and spreading the CF message, artists, colon cancer and CF, mental health, dental health, we discuss it all. We take our listeners to Thailand and Egypt to hear how people in those countries live with CF, with sometimes no medications. Our intent with our podcasts is to education and raise awareness.

*Jen Weber says the podcasts are "Fabulous." Medora says, "I have learned so much about CF and other organizations thanks to these podcasts."*

## EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2022, The Bonnell Foundation awarded \$25,000 in Education Scholarships to students who have CF, across the country. This includes Trade Schools as well.

Education Scholarship link: <https://thebonnellfoundation.org/scholarships/>



Ava D.  
2022 Education Scholarship Recipient

Josh H.  
2022 Education Scholarship Recipient

### OUR PROGRAMS

- Advisory Council
- Celebrity Softball Game
- Chronic Abdominal Pain study with Dr. Matthew DeMagno at U of M Hospital
- CF Master Class
- Delta Dental Foundation hygiene program
- Fellowship program at U of M CF pediatric clinic
- Newsletter
- Night of Hope
- Podcasts
- Portraits of Cystic Fibrosis Calendars
- Self-Care Packages for caregivers in the hospital
- Webinars

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