

## OUR WHY



I was recently admitted in-patient at Michigan Medicine and they gave me a goodie bag from your foundation, and I wanted to say thank you so much! I was terminated from my job because of my hospital stay, and it made my day brighter in the hospital, so I really appreciate it. – Patient

## 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. Financial assistance is also awarded for lung transplants.

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

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



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 with CF have been misdiagnosed and undiagnosed for years. This continues to be a problem, in the U.S. and 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 56 in the U.S.). The Bonnell Foundation continues to raise awareness of Dr. Samya Nasr's (U of M Hospital) efforts for people with CF in Egypt. For the Hispanic community, The Bonnell Foundation started the CF Familia page which is in English and Spanish. The Bonnell Foundation works with The National Organization of African Americans with CF (NOAACF) to help raise awareness. Thankfully, people of color are beginning to be diagnosed and newborn screening exists, but we still have a long way to go.

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



Egypt

## CF IMPACT GRANT

The 2024 CF Master Class, in its second year, features CF parents from around the World. Parents share what life is like in their country. Some don't have access to medications, and for others, their country doesn't recognize CF. One Dad in Jordan had four kids, and three of them had CF. He lost two of his children to the disease. He shares how he moved forward each day knowing they may have lived if they had been raised in a country with the proper CF medications and care.

The CF Master Class got off the ground thanks to a grant from the CF Foundation.

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



### Living with Cystic Fibrosis



The Bonnell Foundation Podcast



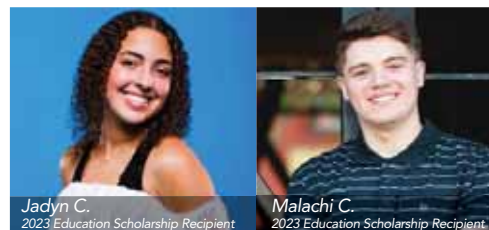
Our award winning podcasts feature prominent people in the CF community. We discuss issues that impact all of us, talk to people with CF, parents of kids with CF, a band traveling the world and spreading the CF message, artists, and other health related issues. We discuss it all. We take our listeners from Thailand to Egypt to hear how people in those countries live with CF, sometimes with no medications. Our intent with our podcasts is to educate 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 2023, The Bonnell Foundation awarded \$25,000 in Education Scholarships to students who have CF, across the country. This includes Trade School, Community College and University students (undergrad). Thank you to the woman (choosing to remain anonymous) who funds our scholarship program.

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



### 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
- Mentoring program
- Newsletter
- Night of Hope
- Podcasts
- Portraits of Cystic Fibrosis Calendars
- Self-Care Packages for caregivers in the hospital
- Webinars

### OUR SPONSORS

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