



## COLUMBUS POLICE OFFICER TONY MONTURO WITH DAUGHTERS TAYLOR & MACEY



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Dear Fellow Officers,

My name is Tony Monturo and I'm a detective with the City of Columbus. I work in the Special Victims Unit, protecting children from physical abuse. I've been a police officer for 14 years, graduating in the 90th class. My wife and I have been married 10 years and have two beautiful daughters – Taylor, 7, and Macey, 5. In 2008 our family started a new chapter: one filled with tears, uncertainty and hope. You see, early this year, both of my little girls were diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. We thought it was unusual how frequently our girls were sick. But we never imagined how serious it was until Macey developed a terrible cough in August 2007. When months of antibiotics didn't help, our pediatrician suggested she be tested for CF.

On January 29 we received the heartbreaking news that Macey has CF. Since it's a genetic disease, the doctor recommended Taylor also undergo testing. Four weeks later, Taylor's diagnosis was confirmed as well. Immediately, both girls began chest compression therapy and nebulizer treatments, along with daily medications. We spend an hour every morning and every night doing the treatments, passing the time by reading books, playing games and working puzzles.

Knowing your children will be fighting a disease the rest of their lives is a terrible feeling. Therefore, we have dedicated our time and energy to raising money for CF research – so that one day we can find a cure. Our lives have forever been changed by CF. And we want to make a difference in the lives of other families combating this terrible disease.

We could use your help. Please form a team or plan to climb by yourself during "Battle of the Badges" to raise money for CF research. If you're not up for that, please consider selling five raffle tickets to you're your support. Thank you for getting behind this important cause!

***The Monturo Family  
Tony, Valerie, Taylor and Macey***