

## CureFinders Founding Student Youth Board

### **Linda Roller**

Student Youth Board Mentor



"I became involved with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation when my granddaughter, Kaley, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. Initially, it felt like emotional paralysis. Our family felt sad, angry and powerless. The Foundation gave us an opportunity to work together with other families impacted by this disease and this, combined with our strong faith, has moved us from being victims to taking action.

I personally see the goal of finding a cure for CF as my purpose in life. My family is very involved in the Great Strides program. Our friends and relatives are solidly behind us with tremendous moral as well as financial support.

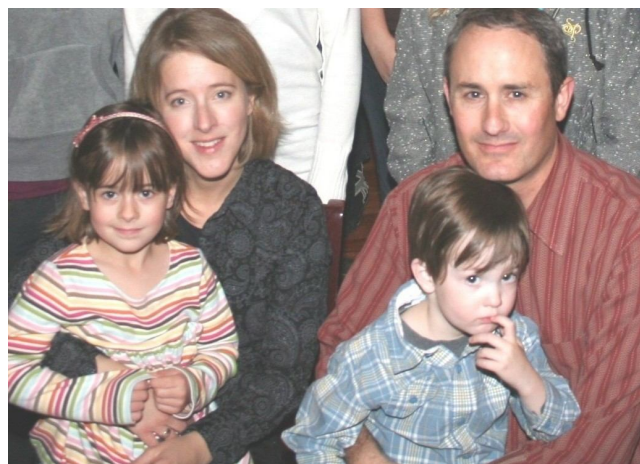
Because I have experienced such personal rewards from working with the other families, I see this effort beyond just helping Kaley, although she is always uppermost in my heart. It is a blessing to be able to help others. It really does feel better to give than to receive.

I am very excited to be the Mentor for the CureFinders Student Youth Board. As a former educator, I enjoy being able to work with these great kids. Together we will work on fundraising to support research for better treatments and to find the cure. Through our efforts, we will save lives. It doesn't get any better than that!"

### **The Colbert Family**

**Libby, Jim, Madeleine (age 5) and Noah (age 3)**

"Our son, Noah [the 2009 CureFinders Ambassador], was diagnosed with CF when he was two weeks old. He is an active three-year-old now and he is staying healthy, in large part due to new treatments and progress in CF research funded by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. These dramatic advances in research and treatment have extended the median age of survival for people with CF to over 37 years. Progress to be sure, but not good enough. There is still no cure for CF, but, with the help of you and your family, there can be. Our family has made a commitment to give a \$15,000 matching donation to the 2009 CureFinders campaign."



### **Katie Deuschle**

Mountain Range High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Honor Society, Drama, Choir, Tri-M, Macy's "It Girl"

"The Student Youth Board is a great opportunity to use my talents of public speaking, organization and providing community service for a great cause that I admire."

**Luke Thompson**

The Academy Charter School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Football, Snowboarding

"My wish is that a cure would be found for all diseases. I'm very honored to have been chosen to serve on the CF Foundation CureFinders Student Youth Board. I will do my best to assist this foundation in the search for the cure of CF."



**Natilie Cramer**

Sheridan High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Cheerleading, Student Council, National Honor Society

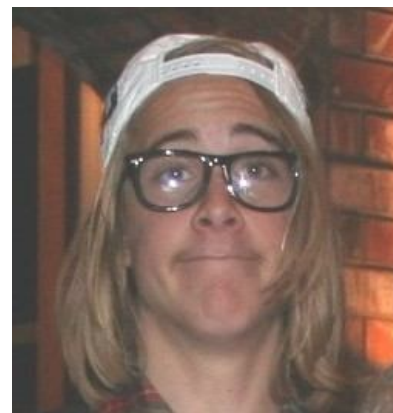
"I wanted to get involved with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation because I was moved by the stories of the children who are living with this terrible disease and wanted to help make a difference. I also was very excited about the leadership opportunity provided by being able to serve on the Student Youth Board."

**Nick Nedeau**

D'evelyn High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Junior Class Student Council President, Lacrosse Team Captain, Interact Club Project Leader, Cross Country, JCL Latin Club

"I'm glad to be involved with the CureFinders program because I have several friends, including one of my classmates, Dave, who have CF and it's a great way for me to be able to help them."



**Kelsey Cook**

Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Mapleton Band, Thornton Community Band, NCCC Summer of Service 2007, Snowboard Outreach Society, Senior Ambassadors

"I thought it would be interesting to be a part of the Student Youth Board and to help the CF Foundation. I know this is the first time CureFinders has had a youth board and I'm excited to be part of the beginning."

**Paul Kulig**

D'evelyn High School, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: National Junior Honor Society, Competitive Water-skiing, Basketball, Track, Snowboarding, Dirt Biking

"I have a close friend with CF. The more I learn about this organization, the more confident I am that we will find a cure for cystic fibrosis. Each day is one step closer to helping the lives affected by this disease."



**Haley Killian**

Chaparral High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Marching Band, Swimming, Dance, Amnesty International Group Coordinator, and assisting with an elementary school choir

"My cousin has CF and I have seen her go in and out of the hospital for treatment and tune ups her whole life. I want to be involved in helping doctors find a cure because I want to see all of these kids with CF live as long as the rest of us."

**Andy Elder**

Colorado Academy, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Playing tennis, riding dirt bikes, swimming, biking, and drawing, Head of Car Club at CA, and all things cars

"My family has been involved with the CF Foundation since my brother was diagnosed with CF in 1995. I really enjoy helping those afflicted by cystic fibrosis; whenever I am given a chance to aide the CF Foundation in any way, I do all I can to support it. I truly believe we are close to a cure, especially because of the potential of the new Vertex medicine."



**Kara Klepinger**

George Washington High School, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: International Thespian Society, Drama Club, Speech and Debate team, volunteer at animal shelter, Softball, Snowboarding, playing guitar

"I believe that it is really horrible that people need to deal with cystic fibrosis and I want to do all that I can to raise money to assist all of those unfortunate people that have cystic fibrosis."

**Caleb Kissell**

Sheridan High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Leadership/Student Council

"I think this will be a great opportunity to show my leadership skills and to help out people in need. It is a great experience and I will always be able to look back and know that I helped to fund a cure for cystic fibrosis. I'm happy that I can help people and I hope the money we earn is enough to find a cure for cystic fibrosis."



**Ayla Quinn**

Ralston Valley High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: National Jr. Honor Society, Swimming, Student Council

"In the world where people are very self centered and worry about little issues in life, I want to widen my outlook by helping people who have cystic fibrosis and support the process of finding a cure! I have a soft spot for all who are influenced by CF and everything and anything I can do to help will make me feel complete at the end of the day."

**Dillon Lynch**

Westminster High School, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Piano lessons, Voice lessons, Hyland Hills Youth Council, volunteer at animal shelter, Drama, Youth Conference, Have a Heart

"To me, helping others really is the best gift you can give and receive. I am a firm believer in the charity of others. I look forward to learning more about such a great organization and spreading the word to find a cure."



**Samantha Hansen**

Ponderosa High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Activities: Dancing, SCUBA Diving, various charity events

"I first learned about the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation through a friend of my family when their daughter was diagnosed with CF at birth. I have known her my whole life and I am excited to help and hope to raise as much money as possible!"