

# *2009 “An Evening with the Stars” Bio’s of the “STARS”*

## **Lillian Sullivan**

Lillian Sullivan, a native Daytonian, is the Director of Global Business Intelligence and Shared Services at LexisNexis. She has been with LexisNexis for 29 years and is currently responsible for development, business support and training for the Global Business Intelligence and Shared Services. Lillian lives in a Downtown Dayton loft with her husband David, 2 cats and a dog, and enjoys watching Dragon’s games from the roof of their building, in addition to socializing with other downtown residents. Lillian reached out to the local chapter several years ago in order to become more personally involved with fighting this disease. Cystic Fibrosis has touched her life more than once. First when her sister was diagnosed at the age of 2, and years later when she met and became friends with a woman who also had CF. At the time her sister was diagnosed CF children generally only lived to the age of 7. Thankfully, she lived to the age of 19. Sadly, her friend also passed away this year at the age of 36. In addition to working on the Stars event she is a member of the board of the Greater Dayton Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Giving back to the community is as important to her as her career at LexisNexis. She is also is a member of 100+ Women Who Care which is a group who support a variety of organizations that support and improve the lives of people in the greater Dayton community, and was previously on the board of the K12 Gallery for Young People.

## **Paige Greenwood**

Last year, I was invited to be a “Star” by my best friend Jessica Paringer, who suffered from Cystic Fibrosis. I had been to previous “Stars” events but always doubted my ability to raise money. My letter writing campaign was very successful last year and resulted in an outpouring of love and support for those with CF. Therefore, I am delighted to be a “Star” once again and to continue my letter writing campaign.

My fundraising efforts are now in memory of my best friends, Jessica. On, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 3 weeks after receiving a double lung transplant, Jessica left this earthly world for her eternal one. The hurting & loss I still feel on a daily basis is something I hope no one ever experiences. The money that I raise for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will help fund research, care and education. I am hoping that with your help, WE can eradicate this terminal disease! While Jessica’s story was cut short due to CF, I hope that many others can continue writing theirs.

I currently am Member Communications Director at Moraine Country Club in Dayton, Ohio and serve as Vice-President of Sponsorship for the Dayton Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

## **Beth & Doug Mann**

Beth and Doug Mann became invested in the aspects of cystic fibrosis when their son was mistakenly diagnosed with the disease at the age of two. Having spent a month under the assumption that their baby was suffering with cystic fibrosis, both did a great deal of research as to the causes and effects of this illness, and became actively involved in finding a cure. Beth is a child therapist who is currently working closely with the foster care community in Dayton, and Doug is an attorney with Dyer, Garofalo, Mann and Schultz. Both Beth and Doug are very proud to be working with such a caring and supportive association that is presented in Dayton's Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

### **Courtney Brown**

Four years ago my brother and I were in a head on car accident in Indiana. We were in the hospital for three months, and told each other daily we were meant to be alive. That life changing experience made me aware of the fact that I was put on this earth for a reason. What comforts me is taking the time to volunteer and make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than myself.

Barb Rothstein, the Associate Executive Director for the Dayton Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Chapter approached me and asked if I would be interested in being a "Star" and help raise money. I have never been so honored and once again realized that I am on this earth to help other people who need my help.

This fundraising event showcases individuals who have shown exemplary service to the community. I am thrilled and humbled to have been asked to participate! In accepting this nomination, I have been challenged by other nominees to raise \$2,000 or more to help in finding the cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

As you may be aware, the way money is raised to conquer this disease has changed and evolved over the years. In the past year alone, the Foundation and its volunteers have achieved funding through events such as the Great Strides walk, Golf outings, Celebrity Concert for CF, and the wine event "Let it Breathe." There are many other community events, but the goal is always been the same, to find a cure for CF.

Through my support of the CF Foundation Dayton Chapter, I have come to realize that through firm commitment I can help to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis. It also will assist in finding ways to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. For example, the foundation helps fund and accredit more than 110 care centers nationwide. CFF has consistently been recognized as one of the top 3 non-profit organizations in the country. In 2004 CFF was rated #1 in the category of health research for efficient use of their funds, \$.89 - .90 on the dollar, goes directly to CF research. The money we raise is being used to benefit CF patients' right here in the Greater Dayton area.

Please help me in the continued fight to cure CF by sending your contribution: \$25, \$50, \$100, or by visiting the website at <http://www.cff.org/Chapters/dayton>, scroll to the STARS event and then to my name.

### **Jeannie & Phillip Anders**

Phil and Jeannie Anders have always been supportive of raising funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, since Jeannie's youngest sister, Paula, has CF. They helped with the Springfield "Great Strides" walk during its 10 years raising over a quarter million dollars during that time. Jeannie, being a Longaberger® Independent Home Consultant, has used her basket business in selling the products and donating her commission back to CF over the years through annual open houses. Recently, in the past 2 years, Phil has chaired our Annual Monte Carlo night in Springfield with all profits going to CF research. We raised over \$4500 during our 2009 Monte Carlo. This event will continue in February 2010. Raising funds for CF research is a family affair with Jeannie and Paula's family that include their two brothers, Tony and Chris and their families, plus their parents, Carl and Cathy Gravenkemper. Also, our extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins along with many, many friends...we all continue to work to raise awareness and monies in order to find a cure for CF. Phil and Jeannie also continue to volunteer and assist with the Dayton CFF chapter with their numerous events.

### **Paula & Mike Herzog**

I (Paula) am a thirty-eight year old with Cystic Fibrosis (CF). I was diagnosed at the age of 5 months old and have dealt with the affects of the disease my entire life. I am married to my husband Mike for 15 years and together we have made it through the trials and tribulations that this disease presents. My parents, one sister and two brothers along with their spouses and niece and nephew have been extremely loving and supportive through the years and made it a life-long goal to raise funds to support research and ultimately find a cure. Our intent is to find a cure before it attacks future generations and slow the process for older individuals that the disease has already attacked. I was blessed three and half years ago to receive a double lung transplant that has given opportunities and a new lease on life that I and my family could never imagine....opportunities and a life that all CF patients should experience.

We started participating in GREAT STRIDES in the early 90's as walkers. After participating as walkers we decided to start the Springfield GREAT STRIDES. We have raised over \$250,000 in our 10 years of chairing the event. We have participated in several other fundraising events such as the Monte Carlo Night, CFF-Dayton's Wine Opener and "An Evening under the Stars" along with smaller efforts such as selling t-shirts, garage sales, and celebrity night at a local restaurant.

Our fundraising activities are not limited to collecting money for research but to also as a support system to individuals and family members affected by CF and promote disease awareness. It's a great feeling to see family and friends show up at a

fundraising event with the sole objective to improve the quality of life and extend the life of individuals with CF.

Through the years of being involved with the CFF, we have developed family-like relationships with several families affected by the disease. We've managed to laugh and cry together as we made it through the life stages that CF brings. This horrible disease takes young sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives and friends way too soon. We've lost several friends to the disease over the years. Imagine seeing the friends that you've made of the years lose their battle that they've fought all their life. You wonder when the disease will win the battle and become deadly to you or another friend.

Our family and friends are determined to support the efforts to find a cure. We all want to see a cure in our lifetime where we no longer have to worry about another child or young adult being diagnosed with the disease, where we no longer have to worry about passing the CF gene onto generations to come. It's unacceptable to continue to see young lives taken.

We would like to thank everyone who joins our fight and would like to especially thank all the staff at the CFF for supporting us and devoting their lives to helping find a cure.

### **Ron & Karen Mescher:**

Ron and Karen have been working hard to find a cure for cf since the day their nephew, Trevor, was diagnosed. Trevor is now a happy, healthy high school freshman in Versailles, Ohio. Ron & Karen own a wonderful establishment in downtown Versailles called 'Sideliners Sports Bar & Grille'. They are grateful to all their loyal patrons that contribute the many fundraisers they conduct each year for Cystic Fibrosis. This year marked the 11<sup>th</sup> annual 'Sideliners Golf Scramble for CF' and raised over \$3,700. Ron is a retired teacher.

### **Ken & Sabina Mescher**

### **Cynthia & Sam Pratt**

### **Rachel & Daniel Shay**

Rachel and Danny became involved with fundraising for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by participating in the Great Strides walk in Springfield along with Mike and Paula Herzog and their family. The Shay's wanted to be part of finding a cure for cf since Danny was diagnosed at birth with the disease. Rachel and Danny have been married for nine years.

They became more involved over the years from having a Great Strides walk team to serving on the walk committee. They have now been involved with hosting a golf scramble. This year marked the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Shay Golf Scramble and it raised over \$9000 Net! The scramble has grown from only 7 teams to 30!