



...adding tomorrows every day.

What is CureFinders?

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is launching its newest fund-raising program, *CureFinders*. This program provides an excellent opportunity to promote awareness for cystic fibrosis (CF) and to raise valuable funds to help find a cure for this life-threatening genetic disease. By completing an activity such as change collection from the *CureFinders* Fund-raising Kit, students can engage in friendly competition between classes, while raising money for a charitable cause. "Change for a Cure," "Jar Wars," and "Pin-ups" are several of the fun activities this program offers to help classes achieve their fund-raising goals. At each participating school, the class that raises the most money will receive a free lunch that is delivered to their classroom!

The *CureFinders* theme demonstrates to children that they can make a difference in the lives of people with CF. The program offers a variety of activities that are not only great fun but are educational, too. Participants learn real-life lessons about volunteering, helping others and leadership.

The *CureFinders* program encourages students to think about their own lives and will help promote strong values. Helping children in their community also gives students a sense of pride in their accomplishments. By dedicating a *CureFinders* activity to an individual student, relative or friend that has CF, participants are able to form a personal connection to the disease. This makes the *CureFinders* program very meaningful to students, their families and the community.

CureFinders® Will...

- Bring awareness of CF to your community and the need to fund life-saving research;
- Build leadership skills and promote strong values;
- Raise money in honor of a particular student, relative or friend with CF and demonstrate to children that they can make a difference in the lives of people with CF
- Help students develop an understanding and interest in the health and science arenas.

"I believe that philanthropy is a very important part of our community as well as an important aspect we teach in our schools." "It's about showing that giving is far more important than receiving and letting our students see that they are enriched when they help others in need."

-- Principal Kyle Heath, Edmund Memorial High School, Oklahoma

More than 300 schools are participating nationwide, and a total of \$670,000 has been raised — each dollar critical to funding lifesaving CF research.

Change for a Cure



Classrooms challenge each other in a unique coin-collection competition. Students start by bringing in pennies on Monday, nickels on Tuesday, dimes on Wednesday, quarters on Thursday, and top it all off with dollar bills and checks on Friday. The class with the most money at the end of the week wins!

Jar Wars

Your classic change collection competition with a twist! In Jar Wars, classrooms engage in friendly competition as they fill the teacher's jar with money using a point system based on the type of currency.

Students place coins in their own classroom jar for positive points.

Dimes are 10 points and quarters are 25 points.

Students place bills in other classroom's jar to cause negative points. One dollar subtracts 100 points and 5 dollars subtracts 500 points.

The strategy is to be the class with the most points at the end of the week to win! It is possible for a classroom to win with a negative total as long as the classroom has the highest amount



Pin-ups



Raise money and awareness with pin-ups! Each member of the school community is given the opportunity to purchase and sign their name on a pin-up to be hung in the hallways or to send a nice note to a friend. The class that brings in the most money with pin-up sales wins!

Fund-raising activity fliers are available from your *CureFinders*[®] Student Youth Board member or from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

School Sign-up Sheet

Be a *CureFinder* at your school! As an educator, you are helping to shape the lives of many children and prepare them for their future. At the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, we, too, believe in the future of children, especially those with cystic fibrosis (CF). Working together, we can accomplish two vital goals: educating your students about the importance of helping others and *adding tomorrows every day* to the lives of those with CF. Please join us in our quest to find a cure!

The CF Foundation has prepared a fund-raising kit that includes examples of fun ways for students to raise money for CF research. The kit offers options that will allow you and your students to work as a team. Choose one of the many fund-raising activities, from one-day events to weeklong campaigns. The kit also provides information on how your class can engage in friendly competition with other classes or participate in a school-wide or community-wide challenge.

Please know that—with your school spirit and community service commitment—you will be helping children with CF live longer, healthier lives. And, we'll bring lunch to your top fund-raising class as our way of saying "thank you" for making a difference!

Yes! Our students want to be *CureFinders*! Please sign us up today!

School Name: _____ Grade Levels: _____

Name of School Contact: _____

Address of School: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail of School Contact: _____

**Please return this completed form to the
Maryland Chapter at
Fax Number: 410-628-2795 or rboughamer@cff.org**

***We'll send you materials to get you started and contact you
to find out the best way for your students to be *CureFinders*!***

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