

## THE MARCH SPOTLIGHT IS ON ANDY PETER

Andy Peter, a paramedic for the Hennepin County Medical Center, contacted the CFF Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter this past fall with a new fundraising event for the Foundation-"Checking for CF," a hockey tournament for public safety officers in the Twin Cities area.

Involved in many CFF events, including the Climb for a Cure and Great Strides, Andy and his family are on a mission to cure CF. Andy's niece, Ellie, a 4 year-old CF patient, is Andy's motivation for getting other's involved in fundraising for essential CF research dollars.

When Andy was not saving lives on-duty, Andy volunteered his time for three-months fundraising, soliciting raffle items, and rallying eight public safety hockey teams for the "Checking for CF" double-elimination tournament, which was held on February 21, 2010 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. With Andy and Ellie as their inspirations, New Brighton public safety, Excelsior public safety, Saint Paul Police Department, Roseville Fire Department, Allina, HealthEast, Woodbury/Oakdale public safety, and the Hennepin County Medical Center, each collected funds to play in the tournament.

"The public safety community is committed to helping people, whether on-duty or off. When I started to approach people about the tournament to raise funds for CF research, people said, "just tell us when and where!"

Cheered on by Ellie, his family, and friends, Andy's efforts resulted in a very successful tournament. The eight hockey teams battled on ice for the 'Checking for CF' traveling trophy and celebrated raising \$10,000 for the CF Foundation in Ellie's honor.



"CF has impacted my life tremendously in knowing that my niece has CF. My family and I will continue to strive to fundraise to find a cure for this disease."

We at the Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter would like to thank Andy for his dedication to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. His excitement in finding a cure for CF is an inspiration to the public safety community, CFF volunteers and staff alike.

*~ A Thank You from Ellie ~*



*Dear Uncle Andy,*

*I had a great time on my trip to see you in Minnesota. Watching you and your friends play hockey was really fun! I kept yelling "Go Uncle Andy!" but I don't think you could hear me. It's amazing you put that whole tournament together all by yourself. I don't even get what you did just yet, but I know that someday you'll be on the top of my list of the coolest things anyone has ever done for me. I'm lucky to have you as my uncle.*

*Love, Ellie*