

"65 Roses"

"65 Roses" is what little children suffering from Cystic Fibrosis call their disease. As the following story illustrates, the words are much easier for children to pronounce._

Mary G. Weiss became a volunteer for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in 1965 after learning that her three little boy's had Cystic Fibrosis, Her duty was to call every civic club, social and service organization seeking financial support for CF research. Mary's four year old son, Richard, listened closely to his mother as she made each call. After several calls, Richard came into the room and told his mom, "I know what you are working for."

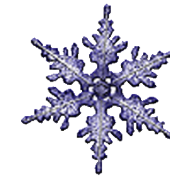
Mary was dumbstruck because Richard did not know what she was doing, nor did he know he had Cystic Fibrosis. With some trepidation, Mary posed the question back to Richard, "What am I working for, Richard?"

"You are working for '65 Roses'," he answered so sweetly. Mary was speechless. She went over to him and tenderly pressed his tiny body to hers. He could not see the tears running down Mary's cheeks as she stammered, "Yes, Richard, I'm working for '65 Roses'."

What Our School is Doing to Help

Seton School, located in Manassas, is a private Catholic school for grades 7 — 12. For the past 8 years, Seton has held an annual CF Dance to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Previous and current students of the school have either been afflicted with CF themselves or have family members that have been afflicted with it. This year we will continue the tradition.

High school and Junior High students are invited to attend the CF Dance that will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, January 21st. The admission price is \$25. This is a fundraiser so everyone is encouraged to go out and get donations from family, friends and neighbors. There will be a prize for the person who brings in the most money, and there are additional prizes that will be raffled off. A raffle ticket is added for every \$25 a person brings in. Please help us raise money for a cure!



What is Cystic Fibrosis?

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide). A defective gene and its protein product cause the body to produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that:

- clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections; and
- obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food.

In the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school. Today, advances in research and medical treatments have further enhanced and extended life for children and adults with CF. Many people with the disease can now expect to live into their 30s, 40s and beyond.

"Hope is not a dream but a way of making dreams become reality"

