

GINGERBREAD LITTLEVERSIITY HOLDS A BAKE SALE AND COIN COLLECTION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

Children ages 1 to 5 years old at Gingerbread LittleVersity of Fuquay-Varina, NC, held a bake sale, a coin collection and “marched” the week of March 28 to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children in the United States. 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.

Our classrooms competed against each other to raise over \$800 to enable the Foundation to continue aggressively funding research to find better treatments and a cure for Cystic Fibrosis disease. “We chose to do a coin collection as part of the fundraiser because the children could easily participate and actually see the money in the jars in their classroom that will go to the foundation. With every penny and every cupcake sold the foundation is able to continue funding cutting-edge research to bring meaningful advances in treatments and eventually a cure to people affected by this disease,” said Ketner.

- About 1,000 new cases of cystic fibrosis are diagnosed each year.
- More than 70% of patients are diagnosed by age two.
- More than 45% of the CF patient population is age 18 or older.
- The predicted median age of survival for a person with CF is in the mid-30s.

There are numerous ways to donate. Visit www.cff.org/GetInvolved/ManyWaysToGive/. As of 2010, approximately 30 potential therapies are in the Foundation’s drug discovery and development pipeline. The more drugs in the pipeline, the greater the odds of producing successful therapies and a cure for CF.

Gingerbread LittleVersity is a child-care facility located in the historic town of Fuquay-Varina that specializes in providing preschool and childcare services for children from infancy to 12 years of age. With credentialed teachers and over 30 years of experience, Gingerbread LittleVersity is a top-notch care preschool offering reading programs, tutoring, computer training, and track out programs for all students. For more information on Gingerbread LittleVersity visit www.gingerbreadlittleversity.com.

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