



## *Press Release*

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### ***Local Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Chapter Call for Nominations of Outstanding Young Professionals***

**WASHINGTON, DC-** The Metro D.C. Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation will host the *Monumental Blowout* on Friday, June 14, 2019. This awards reception is a celebration of many of the area's Finest Young Professionals who will have raised awareness and funds in support of the CF Foundation.

More than 200 guests will celebrate at Washington D.C.'s *La Vie Penthouse*, bringing together corporate sponsors, friends, family, and the networks of each participant to celebrate the accomplishments of the Finest class of 2019.

During the event, the Finest participants will be honored for their individual efforts in helping to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. An awards ceremony will acknowledge each honoree who has been challenged with a 14-week campaign that raises funds and awareness for the CF Foundation mission.

The Finest program is an annual event that calls for local young professionals to be nominated to participate and dedicate themselves to becoming philanthropically involved in the community. Each year honorees attend a program kickoff to meet one another, then create personalized webpages to raise awareness and fundraise via outreach, social media, and their own community events. Honorees represent a wide variety of corporate industries. The 2019 class of Finest will host many local fundraisers across the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, and participate in professional development sessions featuring topics like financial planning, public speaking, connecting with a local Care Center, and social networking.

Metro D.C.'s Finest is an initiative that helps the CF Foundation forward its mission to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with the disease the opportunity to lead full, productive lives by funding research and drug development, promoting individualized treatment and ensuring access to high-quality, specialized care. In 1955, when the Foundation was founded, children with CF rarely lived long enough to attend elementary school. Today, people with CF are achieving milestones like attending college, getting married, and having children — goals that used to seem impossible. This is due in large part to the work of the Foundation and the amazing CF community. We helped discover the gene that causes CF, created a state-of-the-art model for CF care, and have funded groundbreaking research. Nearly every drug to treat CF that is available today was made possible because of the Foundation's

support. But we're not done. We are working every day to build on this incredible momentum, and we won't stop until there is a cure for every person with CF.

**Do you know someone who is looking to grow their professional network, develop their philanthropic skills, and make a lasting impact in the chronic disease community? Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a Metro DC Finest honoree. The nomination form is below. Self-nominations are strongly encouraged.**

Tickets and sponsorship to the *Monumental Blowout* are available now. For more information, please contact Sarah Green, Senior Development Manager at [sgreen@cff.org](mailto:sgreen@cff.org) or 301-215-7422, or visit [finest.cff.org/metrodc](http://finest.cff.org/metrodc). **Nominations for potential honorees are now being accepted. Applications close on *February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019*.** Honorees will be announced on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

***About the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation***

*The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world's leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis. The Foundation funds more CF research than any other organization, and nearly every CF drug available today was made possible because of Foundation support. Based in Bethesda, Md., the Foundation also supports and accredits a national care center network that has been recognized by the National Institutes of Health as a model of care for a chronic disease. For more information, go to [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org).*

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# Honoree Nomination Form

**Honoree Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Company/Employer		Job Title
E-mail address		Phone Number
Education		

Does the honoree have a personal connection to CF (check one)? YES  NO  Relation:  
*(A connection to CF is not required to participate)*

Tell us a little about the honoree and why you are nominating him/her:

What other organizations (professional, civic, business) is the honoree involved in? Please list any leadership roles held, recent promotions, or awards given to demonstrate their involvement.

What impact has the honoree had on his/her community? How can this impact grow through the Finest program?

**Nominated by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Self-nominations are welcome!*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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