



Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter to share my story. I am the mother of two precious little girls, Riley (5) and Delaney (1). At one week of age, Delaney was diagnosed with a terminal disease called Cystic Fibrosis. With no history of major illness on either side of the family, my husband and I were devastated.

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is an inherited disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. The CF genes cause the body to produce abnormally thick, sticky mucus that obstructs the airways of the lungs and clogs the digestive tract of the pancreas and stomach. These obstructions can lead to life threatening diseases, surgeries, and many long hospitalizations. Currently there is no cure for CF, but there are many drugs, gene therapy and vitamins that are used to help treat a child or young adult and keep them as healthy as possible. There are 30,000 children and young adults affected with CF (and numbers are rising) making it the most common fatal genetic disease today. A cure is imperative.

Both my husband and I are sworn police officers in Burlington County. I serve as a Patrolman with the Moorestown Police Department and my husband, Bernie, is a Detective with the Maple Shade Police Department. We are both dedicated to serving our communities to the best of our abilities. Since Delaney's diagnosis, we have been leaning on several outlets for encouragement and support as we try to understand the disease and its affect on our little girl and our family. Our normal parenting worries are amplified, especially during cold and flu season, because our beautiful little angel will grow up fighting to breathe due to the effects of Cystic Fibrosis. We encounter daily obstacles and have learned to value each healthy moment we have and every day of life.

We have established an organization, *Hope 4 Delaney*, which arranges and participates in numerous events throughout the year to raise funding and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. Last year we held our first annual beef -n- beer, took part in several distance runs, including the Disney Princess 1/2 Marathon in Orlando, FL; and had a tremendous turnout for a sponsored Camden Riversharks Baseball Game. As a result, we were able to raise over \$10,000 for *Hope 4 Delaney*. Through the generosity of friends, family and acquaintances this afforded us the opportunity to give a large charitable donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The center provides advanced care for patients with Cystic Fibrosis as well as making every effort to ensure all hospital admissions are comfortable for the family. The extraordinary doctors and nurses assigned to care for the CF patients at CHOP make living just a little easier for those who fight this battle to breathe on a daily basis.

This year we will host several events in order to reach our goal of \$20,000 with proceeds going directly to the CF Center at CHOP. Our biggest annual *Hope 4 Delaney* event of the year will be held on *Saturday, February 6th from 7pm until 12pm at the Lenola Fireman's Hall in Moorestown, NJ*. This event is made possible through generous donations from individuals, companies and corporations from across the tri-state area. The event is an enjoyable evening to eat, drink, dance and raffle the night away for a great cause. We have incredible silent auction items, great giveaways and a 50/50 raffle. Last year the event sold out and we are hoping to have the same fantastic turnout this year.

We are anxious for Riley and Delaney to experience all of the beautiful things life has to offer them. The closer we are to a cure, the better chance Delaney has of seeing a long healthy life without battling to breathe. Supporting our efforts to raise money for the CF Center at CHOP through *Hope 4 Delaney* is one way you can help us fight for Delaney. We would be grateful for any donation (monetary or possible raffle items) you are willing to provide to *Hope 4 Delaney* to make our annual event even more memorable and successful.

Thank you in advance for your support, awareness, and understanding as we embrace each new day we have with our girls.

Sincerely Yours,
Jilian Klatt-Grahl
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tickets- \$25 in advance \$30 at the door



"Chug & Chew" 4 T O P

Benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

saturday February 6th

7pm til midnight

Lenola Fire Hall Moorestown nj

live band*food*beer*silent auction*50/50 & more!!

contact bernie-bgmspd@comcast.net or jilian-jpk04@yahoo.com for tickets

Monetary donations and auction items are greatly appreciated. If an item is provided in place of a monetary donation, the value of the item will determine the level of sponsorship. If you are interested in becoming a recognized sponsor for *Hope 4 Delaney* please review the following information. Payment is due no later than January 12, 2010.

If you are willing to provide an item(s) to be used in the silent auction or as a door prize, please contact Amy Cavaliere at (215)687-7887 so arrangements can be made to mail or pickup the item(s).

Bronze Sponsor: \$100 - \$250

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Name recognition on sign at the front door of the benefit

Silver Sponsor: \$251 - \$500

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Name recognition on sign at the front door of the benefit
Name advertised on table tops at the benefit

Gold Sponsor: \$501 - \$1000

Name recognition on Hope 4 Delaney website
Name recognition on sign at the front door of the benefit
Name placed on Hope 4 Delaney T-Shirts (approx. size of business card)

Platinum Sponsor: \$1001 +

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Name placed on Hope 4 Delaney T-Shirts
Commemorative plaque presented at benefit

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