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THE FACES OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS

WALKER



THE TUMBLING, ADVENTUROUS INFANT

Walker was diagnosed when he was 10 days old through newborn screening. He is now a very active 18 month old who, in addition to taking a gymnastic class, loves being outside, swimming and climbing. Walker was hospitalized once at 11 months for a lung infection. Walker receives manual chest percussion therapy and does inhaled medications twice a day. He takes multiple medicines and vitamins to aid digestion and proper nutrition.

MAYLIE



THE SMILEY TIKE THAT BIKES

A rapid decline in Maylie's health and a six day hospitalization lead to her diagnoses at the age of two. She began treating her Cystic Fibrosis as soon as she was released. Now, age three, her treatment regime includes two inhaled medications and chest physical therapy treatments daily. Maylie fills her non-treatment time with pre-school, bike rides, creating artistic masterpieces, belting out her favorite songs and playing guitar.

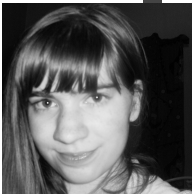
SEAN



THE IMAGINATIVE KARATE KID

Sean is a creative and smart 3rd grader with a love for martial arts. To stay healthy, he does breathing and chest percussion therapy treatments in the morning and evening, takes nearly 20 pills throughout the day, and exercises to improve lung function. He was diagnosed at 6 weeks old because he was losing weight, projectile vomiting, extremely lethargic, and starting to have rectal prolapse. His dream is to be an author and illustrator.

SARA



THE MUSIC-LOVING HIGH-SCHOOLER

Sara is a 16-year-old, Junior in high school. In between her three, 45-minute treatments a day, she enjoys singing, listening to music, writing songs, talking to friends and helping people. Sara takes nearly 40 pills daily and requires tube feeding to maintain a healthy weight. She has been hospitalized twelve times in the last two years. Sara has Cystic Fibrosis-related diabetes, requiring blood sugar monitoring and insulin shots.

MARISA



THE FUNNY, OPTIMISTIC NANNY

Diagnosed at birth, Marisa has spent much of her life treating her CF, but considers herself blessed to be "healthy" at her age. Marisa does 2-3 chest physical therapy sessions and five inhaled medicines daily. She is hospitalized 2-3 times a year. Additionally, she works out to maintain her lung health 3 times a week. Marisa is a nanny and enjoys going to movies, spending time with friends and family, going to concerts and traveling.