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Your donation will transform lives for people like Tom's grandchildren.

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Imagine being told **your first grandchild had the most common life-threatening**, genetic condition affecting children, and this was the first time you had ever heard of cystic fibrosis.



Meet Tom.

Tom takes on a different perspective for someone within the CF Community, one which many loved ones can understand, as Tom is the Grandparent to children living with cystic fibrosis.

It has now been sixteen years since his first grandson Anthony, was born. At the time of Anthony's birth, the family immediately **knew their precious baby was unwell**.

Within two days, Anthony was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis and intestinal surgery was needed to unblock his bowel. This was devastating for Tom, as he lives in Melbourne, and was separated from his family, who at the time, were living in Brisbane.



Tom explains the next few days, as he sat awaiting news, he searched for information on this condition, of which he knew little. On the Cystic Fibrosis Australia website, he found '...the most common life-threatening, recessive genetic condition affecting children'.

The shock and anxiety he felt at this time was hard to describe.

Tom experienced the dramatic impact of this diagnosis on his son, his daughter in law and their new little baby's life. The family made the tough decision to move from Brisbane to Sydney to be closer to family, and so that they could receive the critical support they urgently needed.

A few years later, his second beautiful grandson Nicholas, was born. Nicholas also lives with cystic fibrosis and recently became one of the first kids in NSW to be prescribed Trikafta on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Whilst this is wonderful news, the journey hasn't always been smooth, as Tom describes it,

"From afar I learned about the intense care and high cost of looking after children afflicted with CF."

Many people may have heard of Tom, and his contribution to the CF community, through his book 'Every precious breath: Inspirational stories about living with cystic fibrosis'. Since researching for his book, life expectancy has gone up by ten years and the quality of life for someone with CF has also improved.



Tom explains, **"With the strong advocacy and wide support of Cystic Fibrosis Australia, funding has been obtained to drive life-changing advances".**

Please donate now.

Click here to make your tax-deductible **donation**

Tom knows that **all funds raised have generated a powerful return on investment - giving longer and better lives for the vast majority of people with CF.**

By donating before June 30, your tax-deductible gift will **help Cystic Fibrosis Australia focus on long-term outcomes**, including research into better treatment and ultimately the hope of finding a cure.



Your donation will enable CFA to continue the vital advocacy work, ensuring our voices are heard by Government, Media and Health Professionals. This means the CF Community will be effectively represented, in the most appropriate ways to get the best possible outcomes.

Your donation will also ensure that we can **continue the fight** not only for Tom's Grandchildren, but for the many **children yet to be born with cystic fibrosis**, so that one day we hope to find a cure.

Thank you for being a part of the solution so that thousands of people can live life unaffected by cystic fibrosis.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated. Our work is impossible without you.

Please consider making a recurring donation to support CFA's on-going work

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