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BECAUSE OF YOU

I want to take a moment and recognise the incredible support of everyone in the CF community who supports our work whether it is through volunteering your time, sharing your story, running events for us, financially supporting our work, sponsors, partners, or our Federation Members, thank you. Without your support, we couldn't do all the work we do.

There have been some great accomplishments as well.

As the peak patient body in Australia, we are guided by the key priorities listed in our [Strategic Plan](#). Looking back there have been some great wins for our community with more people having access to more medications and the steadily increasing life expectancy being reported is a huge encouragement. Of course, we still have a long way to go and so much more to do but there is hope on the horizon, for example, in July the PBAC agenda includes Orkambi for 1 and 2-year-olds. We hope that access to more therapies for more people will continue to accelerate.

As you will have seen there has been significant advocacy work taking place with all stakeholders and there have been some good wins that the media have picked up on. You can see some of the recent coverage here [Cystic Fibrosis - Trikafta Advocacy Plan](#)

Throughout our advocacy campaigns, funds are needed to support this critical work and because of your support, we have been able to rise the voice of the CF community. The recent media coverage for the age extension of Trikafta reached approximately 13 million people which is really significant. Thank you for helping us in our mission as we amplify the voice of the CF community.

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We have also been able to make great progress in the development of the CF National Standards of Care as we drive the agenda to support improving quality clinical care outcomes. Soon we will have more information on this important work.

Because of you and your support of our work, much of this has been made possible.

Because of you, the future is looking brighter for many people living with CF.

It is actually because of you that we do our work, as we seek to ensure that everyone living with CF has a long and healthy life and that no one is left behind, including people with rare mutations and people who are not eligible or won't respond to current therapies that are available.

There is still much more to do, and we will not be sitting on our laurels. May is CF Awareness month and as the month draws to an end, we will continue to work hard every day to raise awareness for CF and amplify your voice.

Yours sincerely

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