Learn, share, laugh and celebrate for three inspiring days with fellow members of the cystinosis community. CRF-funded researchers and clinicians will lead discussions on stem cell and gene therapy, treatments for corneal cystinosis, muscle wasting and myopathy, kidney disease and more.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 – SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017
Island Hotel
Newport Beach, California
The generosity of our community never ceases to amaze us. Driven by our foundation’s relentless quest for a cure, cystinosis families from around the world have come together to help fund 143 multi-year research studies which have led to a promising new FDA approved drug and exciting new discoveries about cystinosis. We will celebrate these blessings at the Day of Hope conference and bring our collective passion together as we push for an even brighter future.

This is a time of great excitement and anticipation for the cystinosis community. Researchers continue to make remarkable progress; their success and new discoveries have brought us closer to finding a cure for cystinosis. CRF’s dedication to funding new research grants twice a year has created a dynamic cycle of research and ensures that donations are always at work. It comforts all of us to know that because we fund researchers in 12 countries there is a researcher or scientist working on cystinosis every minute of the day!

To date, CRF has raised over $35 million making us the largest fund provider of cystinosis research in the world! We are blazing this path together, united as a community and focused on finding better treatments and a cure.

Our conference sessions will concentrate on the key areas of cystinosis research – the kidneys, the eyes, muscle wasting, the brain and stem cells and gene therapy. Some of the outstanding researchers, clinicians and scientists who will attend the Day of Hope include Ghanashyam Acharya, PhD, Sergio Catz, PhD, Stéphanie Cherqui, PhD, Morgan Fedorchak, PhD, Paul Grimm, MD, Robert Mak, MD, PhD, and Jennifer Simpson, MD.

Our 2017 annual Natalie’s Wish celebration on Saturday night April 1, will be a night filled with hope, inspiration and gratitude. This exciting evening will be highlighted by a performance by Us the Duo, an American folk pop husband and wife team, Michael and Carissa Alvarado. You will be mesmerized by their voices and inspired by their music.

We look forward to seeing you in March as we unite in our quest for the cure. Past attendees continue to share wonderful stories about their experiences at the conferences. Our team has worked hard to ensure that the 2017 conference is equally engaging and rewarding, and that every member of your family will enjoy their time at the spectacular Island Hotel in Newport Beach.

Warm Regards,

Nancy & Jeff Stack

A FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND IS AVAILABLE, FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Nancy Stack at 949.223.7610 or nstack@cystinosisresearch.org

All requests for assistance must be submitted by January 23, 2017.
Please Join Us

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Island Hotel  
690 Newport Center Drive | Newport Beach, CA 92660 | www.islandhotel.com

We have secured a special flat rate of $195/night for cystinosis families, and $215/night plus tax and gratuity for other guests. When booking your hotel room online, the $195 rate will not show on your confirmation form, but will be confirmed upon check-in. The conference family special rate of $195 is for four nights only.

To make your reservations, visit:  
https://aws.passkey.com/go/dayofhope1

If you have questions, email:  
Annie Campbell at a.campbell@islandhotel.com  
or call 949.760.4957

Reservations need to be made prior to March 1 to ensure CRF special family rate.

Attendance at the Natalie’s Wish event is free for all Day of Hope conference attendees, as are all of the sessions and meals during the conference.

Here are the exciting events we have planned:

**THURS. MARCH 30**

- **4:00 PM — 6:00 PM**  
  Welcome Reception and introductions (Note new start time!)

- **6:00 PM — 9:00 PM**  
  Mexican Fiesta dinner for the whole family

**FRI. MARCH 31**

- **8:00 AM — 5:00 PM**  
  Conference sessions with breakfast and lunch served on the patio.

- **6:30 PM — 9:30 PM**  
  Families will gather on the beach, under the stars for dinner with music and entertainment.

**SAT. APRIL 1**

- **8:00 AM — 1:00 PM**  
  Conference sessions with breakfast and lunch served on the patio.

- **1:00 PM — 5:00 PM**  
  Enjoy the afternoon lounging by the pool or shopping at nearby Fashion Island.

- **6:00 PM — 10:00 PM**  
  2017 Natalie’s Wish event - we will celebrate cystinosis families and the research community for its commitment to our children. We invite all families to attend as our honored guests.

  Professional sitters will be provided for conference sessions and on Saturday evening during the Natalie’s Wish event.

- **10:00 PM — 12:00 AM**  
  Please join us at the after-party to celebrate!