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Dear Friends and Family,

At a recent Cystic Fibrosis conference, we heard *passion* defined as “a strong love from the heart.” This true passion from so many of you is making an enormous difference in the race against time to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Because of your generosity, enthusiasm and hard work, **Warriors for Wells** raised over \$65,000 during the 2006 Great Strides fundraising campaign. In six years, you have helped us raise more than \$265,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Please visit Wells’ website at www.jmlavelle.com/warriors to see photos from last year’s successful walk. **Together, we unite to cure Cystic Fibrosis.**



Wells, our 6 year old son who has this life threatening genetic disease, has become increasingly more independent in the management of his illness. He continues to amaze us as he handles his daily CF routine including spending 30 minutes, twice a day, on a machine that pounds on his back and lungs to loosen the mucus; nebulizing 3 different medications; taking 10-15 pills to help with his digestion, as well as several other medications to maintain his health. And yet, Wells smiles all the time and constantly has such a positive attitude.

Cystic Fibrosis impairs normal respiratory and digestive functions making the simple acts of breathing and eating a challenge. Wells and other children with CF will, on the average, lose 2% of their lung capacity each year. Although we continue to make progress in developing therapies that have made a significant difference in treating the symptoms of CF, **we continue to lose one precious young life to Cystic Fibrosis every day.** We CANNOT afford to leave scientific advances unfunded.

As many of you know, we have recently relocated to Winston-Salem, NC. As we look forward to growing our Warriors for Wells team in Winston-Salem, we are also thankful for the overwhelming support from our New Jersey friends over the past 6 years. **Our family will participate in the Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk at Wake Forest University on April 28, 2007.** Please help us raise money to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis:



Join our **Warriors for Wells** team and walk with us on April 28. Please contact us for registration information.



Conduct your own **Online Fundraising Campaign** through our Warriors for Wells Great Strides link at www.cff.org/great_strides/WarriorsForWells.



If you are unable to walk with us, please support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s programs by sending a tax deductible cash or check donation (check made payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation) in the pre-addressed envelope. If you prefer, you may send your donation to the Foundation: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Attn: Sophia Olson, 2301 Stonehenge Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27615. Please indicate that your donation is to go to the **Warriors for Wells** team.

Your contribution enables the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to fund promising research and provides Wells and others with CF the quality of life and future they deserve. If you have any questions, please contact us at 336-659-5495 or at warriorsforwells@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for joining in the fight to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

Yours truly,

The Clarks

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