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## **The Lung Function helps breathe new life into Cystic Fibrosis**

CALGARY – The Summit Foundation, a Calgary-based Cystic Fibrosis organization, is hosting the seventh annual Lung Function event in an effort to raise funds and extend the lives of Cystic Fibrosis patients. Taking a slight departure from last year's event, the Heroes Among Us gala, the organization created and launched an exciting new brand – the CeFFort – in hopes of bringing Calgarians together to conquer Cystic Fibrosis.

The Lung Function will be held at Sheraton Suites Eau Claire on Thursday, April 14, 2011, and features a live and silent auction, dinner, prizes, guest speakers, keepsakes and entertainment, including a Shaw vignette featuring Jann Arden shadowing her 11-year-old nephew, Ryan, while he attends his CF clinic.

Right now, more than 350 Calgarians suffer from Cystic Fibrosis. Affecting mainly the lungs and digestive system, CF is a fatal inherited disease that has no cure. While comprehensive treatment programs have dramatically extended the life expectancy of persons with CF who are now living into their 20s, 30s, and even 40s, CF sufferers still face shortened lives.

The CeFFort, along with partners, sponsors, donors and the medical community, is working towards better research, better treatments and hopefully a cure. All funds raised through The Lung Function are secured and allocated for Cystic Fibrosis research and programs being conducted in the City of Calgary.

Tickets for the 2011 Lung Function are \$150 each or \$350 for a table of 10. Tickets can be purchased at [www.ceffort.ca](http://www.ceffort.ca). To find out more about The Lung Function or to donate, call 403-669-5603 or email [info@ceffort.ca](mailto:info@ceffort.ca).

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