

The Difference You Make!

Thank you very much for registering for the 34th annual Danny Gallivan Cystic Fibrosis Golf Tournament and for 34 years of help. We look forward to seeing you on the course!

As an example of your support, extraordinary progress has been made in the last 12 months. Some senior scientists, who've made it their life's work to study CF, believe we're on the verge of redefining cystic fibrosis as a "chronic disease," not as a fatal disease.

Without doubt, this is a time of historic importance in the CF fight.

Some of you will recall that five years ago, the US drug company Vertex (the sponsor of Wednesday night's reception) introduced the first ever drug to attack the cause of CF, not just the symptoms. That drug was suitable for only a sub-set of persons with CF.

Since then, two more drugs for different sub-sets of persons with CF have been introduced and, literally, dozens more drugs are "in the pipeline."

Meanwhile, in a complementary development, Cystic Fibrosis Canada has launched a campaign to raise \$7.5 million over five years to ensure we can rapidly deploy the optimum "cocktail" of drugs – the old drugs and the new drugs – for each person in Canada with CF. The result will be substantially better care delivered more quickly with better outcomes for CF patients in Canada, and beyond.

None of this would have been possible without support from people like you. The Danny Gallivan Cystic Fibrosis Golf Tournament – along with the car washes, raffles, dances and concerts – have made the difference.

We're on the verge of something spectacular. And now's not the time to let up.