The mission of the Extended Stay Hospital Grant Program is to promote individual treatment by providing financial and emotional support to the families of the children suffering from Cystic Fibrosis. A vision to build supportive communities for families affected by Cystic Fibrosis was first recognized by Claire Wineland through her own struggles with Cystic Fibrosis, a progressive, genetic disease that causes persistent lung infections and limits the ability to breathe over time.

The families of children affected by Cystic Fibrosis often experience financial hardships during extended hospital stays, including the inability to pay hospital bills, make rent, mortgage, or utility payments or purchase vital medical equipment. The Extended Hospital Stay Grant Program is an existing program that successfully provides financial assistance to families with children that are experiencing a hospital stay of at least 14 consecutive days due to Cystic Fibrosis or who have experienced one within the last calendar year. The commitment to providing these families with financial assistance through the Extended Hospital Stay Grant Program is contingent on need and is specifically designed to help the lower-income and underserved segment of the community; those who otherwise lack access to adequate resources and support.

**Goals and Objectives:** Claire’s Place Foundationobjectives for the 2018 Extended Hospital Stay Grant Program (EHSGP) year included the following:

1. By the end of 2018, 48 families will overcome financial hardship due to extended hospital stay and be fully available to attend to emotional, medical and social needs of their child.
2. By December 2018, Support Family staff from the Claire’s Place Foundation will have recognized and recruited three additional support families to add to the network, and available to provide emotional and social support for other families in the CF community.
3. By the end of 2018, the Extended Hospital Stay Grant Program (EHSGP) will meet the needs of families with children of CF and social workers of patients with CF by increasing program capacity by 30% in 2018.

Seventy-five percent of all donor contributions, grant awards, and the foundation’s annual campaign are committed to helping underserved families within the Cystic Fibrosis community. The Extended Hospital Stay Grant Program also provides emotional support to these families through intervention, on-going progress evaluations, and follow-up evaluations.

Principal actions and activities:

In 2017, Claire’s Place Foundation has provided financial assistance on behalf of 32 children whose families were experiencing financial hardship due to their child’s extended stay in the hospital. The payments were made for financial obligations such as rent, mortgage payments, utilities, medical payments, and legal fees. In addition to helping these families whose children were affected by Cystic Fibrosis, our organization has identified three more support families.

Project Impact Breakdown

The specific and measurable outcomes that have directly benefited the children we serve:

In 2017, we have assisted a total of 32 families whose children have Cystic Fibrosis. These families were accepted in the extended hospital stay program and received financial assistance in the form of third-party check payments for utility bills, hospital fees, rent and mortgage payments. The Extended Stay Hospital Grant Program has thus been able to provide a 33% increase in program capacity from 2016. Of the 32 families receiving help from the program, 3 of those families have become available support families for other families in the Cystic Fibrosis community.

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| Extended Stay Hospital Grant Program Project Budget (FY2018)Name of Organization: Claire’s Place Foundation, Inc. (CP)  |
| **Budget****Expense Item** |  |  |  |  |
| **Salary and Wages** |  |  |  |  |
| Executive Director, Claire’s Place Foundation  | 51,000 |  |  |  |
| **Total Salary and Wages** | 51,000 |  |  |  |
| Total Fringe & Taxes  | 4,303.60 |  |  |  |
| **SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL** | 55,303.60 |  |  |  |
| **Professional Services** |  |  |  |  |
| Bookkeeping/Payroll | 1,186.10 |  |  |  |
| Photography | 300.00 |  |  |  |
| **Public Awareness Campaign** |  |  |  |  |
| Public Relations/Marketing | 10,997.00 |  |  |  |
| Entertainment/Catering | 2,982.75 |  |  |  |
| Venue Rentals | 2,500.00 |  |  |  |
| **CP Foundation Disbursements** |  |  |  |  |
| Extended Stay Hospital Grants | 85,165.57 |  |  |  |
| **Merchandise** |  |  |  |  |
| Tshirts, bracelets,water bottles | 5,158.50 |  |  |  |
| **Phone and Website** |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone Services | 3,802.44 |  |  |  |
| Website Hosting and Maintenance | 600.00 |  |  |  |
| **Program Training & Forums** |  |  |  |  |
| Printing and Copying | 400.44 |  |  |  |
| Postage and Mailing | 477.59 |  |  |  |
| **Miscellaneous** |  |  |  |  |
| Travel and Conferences | 1,500.00 |  |  |  |
| **SUBTOTAL NON-PERSONNEL** | 115,070.39 |  |  |  |
| **Indirect Costs (3%)** | 3,152.11 |  |  |  |
| (Insurance, other operations) | 1,730.00 |  |  |  |
| **SUBTOTAL INDIRECT** | 119,952.50 |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL BUDGET** | 175,256.10 |  |  |  |

**Project Impact Breakdown**

The Extended Stay Hospital Grant Program will increase program capacity by an additional 30% in 2018, a 200% increase from 2016. The program will directly benefit 64 children between 2017 and 2018 (based on an average grant disbursement of $1,500). The program will indirectly benefit the immediate family and friends of children experiencing extended hospital stays dues to Cystic Fibrosis and will also indirectly benefit the Cystic Fibrosis community at large by increasing awareness and encouraging hope.