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**Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Announces
Teresa Ward as Corporate Chair of Westhampton Beach Great Strides Walk
Local Fund-raiser Part of Nationwide Effort to Battle Life-threatening Disease**

Melville, NY — The Greater NY Chapter, Long Island Office of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation announced today that Teresa Ward, owner of Teresa's Family Cleaning, will serve as Corporate Recruitment Chair for the 2010 Westhampton Beach Great Strides walk. GREAT STRIDES, Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis, is the largest CF fund-raiser in the country, raises critical funds for life-saving research, education and care programs for cystic fibrosis (CF), a fatal genetic disease.

At Westhampton Beach, participation in GREAT STRIDES is expected to break attendance records in 2010. The Westhampton Beach walk & run will take place on Saturday June 5, 2010 starting at the Village Gazebo. Registration begins at 9AM, and the walk begins at 10AM. Walk day is a fun, family-oriented celebration that includes a healthy walk, 5k run, children's activities, food, and festivities that participants look forward to year after year.

"With so much promising research on the horizon, it's more important than ever that we raise every dollar we can to fight CF and improve the lives of people with this disease," said Madelyn Fugazy, Associate Executive Director of the Long Island Chapter, "We are so grateful for Teresa's help spreading the word about the Westhampton Beach walk and doing her part to help find a cure for this devastating disease."

The Long Island Office hopes to raise \$800,000 in 2010 through GREAT STRIDES. GREAT STRIDES walks will occur in 581 towns across the country—including Westhampton Beach, Holtsville, Lido Beach, Hempstead, Smithtown and Brightwaters—across the country from March to June.

The CF Foundation is recognized as one of the most efficient charities in the country. Nearly 90 cents on the dollar raised by the CF Foundation is available to fund CF research and care programs. Fifty years ago, most children with CF did not live long enough to attend elementary school. Today, as a result of dramatic improvements in research and care, the median age of survival is 37 years old. To help fight CF, get involved in GREAT STRIDES by calling the Long Island Office at 516-827-1290 or by visiting <http://www.cff.org/Chapters/longisland/greatstrides>.

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