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Lafayette Connection at CF Climb for Life

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Lafayette's Claire Gallagher (center) with members of the Cal Rugby Team-back row, from left: Josh Tucker, Tyler Fach, Kenny Bruzzone, Nicklas Boyer; bottom row: academic advisor Nick McNeill, Spencer Morris, Brad Harrington. Photo courtesy Cal Athletics

connection to home.

The funds raised by the Climb for Life will go toward vital research and therapies for those affected by CF, an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide). For more information, visit <http://www.cff.org/Chapters/nca/>.

The Northern California Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation held its annual Stair Climb event, called the CF Climb for Life, on Saturday, November 5. The climb is a fundraiser for the CF Foundation - participating teams climb to the top of the skyscraper at One Sansome Street in downtown San Francisco. That's 41 floors - or 800-900 steps. When the climb teams reach the top, they have a party to celebrate their success. This year a Lafayette connection was made, high in the sky across the bay.

The Gallagher family of Lafayette participated in the event; dad Jim Gallagher is a Foundation board member. The family includes a first grader at Burton Valley and 6th grader at Stanley Middle School.

The UC Berkeley Rugby Team also has a tradition of joining the stair climb; in fact it's often a Cal player that wins the fastest time to the top. In true blue and gold fashion, that distinction went this year to freshman Spencer Morris.

Gallagher recalls, "At the party on the top floor of the building my 11-year-old daughter posed for a picture with the Cal Rugby Team. She was wearing her Stanley tee-shirt-two of the players high-fived her and said, 'I went to Stanley, too!'"

Looks like Lafayette students turned Cal Rugby players Kenny Bruzzone and Tyler Fach are keeping the

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