

## **CYSTIC FIBROSIS PROJECT/ BRIDGE TO HOPE**

For the past several years WiAct, Wilton's Interfaith group, has joyfully supported the Cystic Fibrosis Bridge to Hope Project. Drs. Golnar Raissi and Hossein Sadeghi , both world-renowned physicians living in Wilton, are the dynamic leaders of this global initiative. Their mission is to provide treatment to children and young adults suffering from Cystic Fibrosis in underdeveloped countries throughout the world, young people who have no other access to treatment and drug therapies and who would otherwise die without these interventions.

The project operates out of the Tully Center, part of Stamford Hospital, where treatment is provided pro bono, thanks to the generosity of the hospital, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and these gifted physicians. Volunteers from our organization assist with transportation to and from Tully to wherever the patient is lodged (usually either Norwalk or Wilton), and with the provision of meals to assist in the critical nutritional needs of the patient. Each child is accompanied by a family member. To date, we have had youngsters from Iran, Georgia, the Dominican Republic and Ecuador. Attorneys and legislators have been enlisted to help in securing visas to ensure the continuation of this humanitarian project.

Although the exact dates are not yet know- it will depend on hen visas can be obtained, if you think you might be able to help by volunteering to drive or to provide a meal for one of these families, we would be most grateful. The time frame is most often in the middle of the day, following the youngster's daily treatment at Tully. Our support is truly critical to save the lives of these children, and there are absolutely no politics involved!

If you would like further information, or would like to help, please contact Peggy Zamore [peggyz18@gmail.com](mailto:peggyz18@gmail.com).