

# Battle For The Bridge

## Alumni Football Game To Support Local Cystic Fibrosis Families

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How do a bunch of local high school football alumni rally to help raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis? Naturally they have a full contact football game!

The Battle for the Bridge was started last year in honor of West Linn alum Ian Giammanco's 5 year old daughter Sophia who has Cystic Fibrosis. All of the money

raised goes to two great Cystic Fibrosis organizations. The CF Foundation focuses on raising money for life saving research while Katie's Kause raises money to help local families who are struggling financially due to CF.

My name is David Cote and I'm a 28 year old CF patient and West Linn alum. I got involved with this game after meeting Ian Giammanco and Trent Tribou (Sophia's Godfather)



at last year's game. The game raised about \$20,000 in its first year and our goal is to raise \$40,000 this year. I will be playing in the game this

year and would like to use this as a chance to show people how much good CF research has done in my lifetime. When I was born the average life expectancy was only 19 years. Due to the fundraising and great research teams, the average life expectancy has more than doubled in my lifetime to over 38 years.

We would like to challenge all of the Portland area school rivals (Tualatin vs. Tigard???) into starting the tradition of an alumni game at their schools to help us raise even more money for this great cause. If anybody is interested, please come out to our game Saturday August 11th at Oregon City High School and check out the longest

uninterrupted rivalry west of the Mississippi. We are still looking for sponsors and donations. If you are interested in helping out donations can be made directly at [www.BattleForTheBridge.com](http://www.BattleForTheBridge.com).

Joe Bendik (Portland Timbers Goalkeeper) has offered his support of the game. He will be an honorary captain and will be available to meet all of the Timbers fans at the game. He has a nephew who has Cystic Fibrosis and wants to do all that he can to support the cause.



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**WHO:** West Linn High School alumni vs Oregon City High School alumni

**WHAT:** Playing a full contact football game to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Oregon and Katie's Kause for CF.

**WHERE:** Oregon City High School football field (1306 12th Street, Oregon City, OR)

**WHEN:** Saturday August 11th. Gates open at 4pm. Kickoff at 6pm.



Little Sophia meeting the Oregon City football team last year.

