Teenager doesn’t let CF define her life

At three days old, Jordan S. was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis (CF). Jordan’s treatment plan began with rigorous manual chest physical therapy (CPT) sessions, twice per day.

After four exhausting years of performing CPT, they decided to switch to vest therapy. “We tried the two [other manufacturers’] vests that were available,” said Jordan’s dad Kevin. He and his wife both ran through a treatment cycle wearing each vest and decided on the Philips InCourage system.

“It had the most freedom,” Kevin said. “[It] felt more comfortable, was less restrictive, and [we] felt we could get a deep breath.” These benefits ranked a top priority, knowing that Jordan would be using her device for life.

Thirteen-year-old Jordan also speaks highly of her therapy. “When I use the InCourage system, it’s relaxing and comfortable,” said Jordan. “It kind of feels like a massage chair. I can read a book while I’m doing it.”

For Kevin, the quick start button on the InCourage system has been a game-changer. “I can just turn up the pressure and start the system. We’re so appreciative of the extra freedom the InCourage system gives us,” said Kevin. “Rather than doing therapy against Jordan, it’s doing therapy with Jordan.”

Kevin explained that Philips InCourage vest therapy is effective and gives the family peace of mind knowing Jordan is receiving quality treatment. “The InCourage system does a wonderful job at clearing Jordan’s airways,” he said. “Good checkups every quarter is evidence that [it’s] doing what it needs to do.”

By staying on top of treatments, the busy teenager has been able to swim competitively, play the flute and earn a second-degree black belt in karate. Jordan explained that being an eighth grader with CF isn’t something that defines her life, but just a part of her normal routine.

“The InCourage system has had an impact on my breathing because there’s less mucus in my lungs after treatments. It will keep your lungs healthier so it’s easier to breathe,” said Jordan.

Results in cases may vary.