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Chicagoland Ride for Kids®

July 17, 2011

Chicagoland riders give big

Chicagoland celebrated its 23rd Ride for Kids® July 17 by raising \$222,595 for the PBTF.

More than 1,400 motorcyclists and other supporters gathered at Elgin Community College for the event on a hot, sunny morning.

Local brain tumor survivors Stephanie, Melanie, Kaitlyn, Corey, Nikki, Carra, Teagan, Joshua, Kylie, Rachel, Lilly, Katrina, and Casey were the "stars" of the day. Many of them joined the riders on a route that crossed the Fox River twice.

Back at the college, these young people told the group about their lives, and Dr. Jason Fangusaro of Children's Memorial Hospital praised the riders' generosity.

"Without your fundraising we would not be making the progress we are making today," he said. "In the research field, we are developing medicine that targets these children's tumors, enabling them to lead better lives."

Chicagoland's highest fundraisers were:

- **Individuals:** Stacia and Steve Skinner, \$40,093
- **Club/Chapter:** Wings Over the Prairie, \$38,236
- **Motorcycle Business:** Nielsen Enterprises, \$79,332

Drawing prizes went to Steve and Stacia Skinner (Honda motorcycle); Julie Runzel (Dunlop tire), Fred Snyder (AGV helmet); Sara McNally (Tourmaster luggage); and Kathy Carter (Cardo Systems headset).

Volunteers get the credit for the success of every Ride for Kids® event. In Chicagoland, the team is managed by Carol Sevrey, Jeff Pedersen, Bob Wagner and Rick Montgomery. Mark your calendars now for next year's ride, scheduled for Sunday, July 15.

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Plan a fundraiser:

Each state requires PBTF to approve your fundraiser, so contact us early in your planning process. The first step is to complete our [fundraising application](#).



Nikki (left) is excited about the Chicagoland ride.

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