

Top fundraisers

- **Individual:** Pamela McCombs, \$12,000
- **Motorcycle club/chapter:** GWRRA CO-G, \$12,205
- **Motorcycle business:** Nece Trikes, \$12,070
- **Special organization:** John W. Ertl Foundation, \$85



Sean (left) gears up for a great ride in Colorado.

South Bend riders brave heat for kids

250 participants refused to let a heat wave melt their enthusiasm at the Northern Indiana Ride for Kids in South Bend on July 8, raising \$72,764 for pediatric brain tumor research and family support programs.



Hannah has attended the Northern Indiana ride for several years.

The highlight of the day was the presence of brain tumor survivors Jon, Hannah, Lindy, Jennifer, Daniel, Karyn, Libbie, and Corey, who led the hundreds of police-escorted motorcycles from Pinhook Park through the countryside and back.

The post-ride celebration featured these young “stars” and their parents. “We’ve been on a road that has had a lot of ups and downs, but for every bad thing we’ve seen, a lot of good things have come our way,” Jon’s mom, Jo, told the crowd. “You have become an extension of our family.”

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- **Individuals:** Georgia & E.J. Ford, \$15,818
- **Motorcycle club/chapter:** ABATE Region 2, \$23,029
- **Motorcycle business:** B&E Honda, \$21,117
- **Special organization:** NW Indiana Parrothead Club, \$9,014

Chicagoland ride gives “life and hope”

Now in its 24th year, the Chicagoland Ride for Kids continues to be one of the PBTF’s largest events. This year 1,400 participants raised \$197,191 in support of young people like Mady, Teagan, Katrina, Rosie, Lilly, Casey, Stephanie, Melanie, Kaitlyn, Corey, and Carra.

Many of these “stars” led the riders on a route that went through rural northwest suburbs and criss-crossed the Fox River. Back at the college, the kids expressed their gratitude.

“Thank you for opening your heart and coming here today,” said 7-year-old Katrina. “Ride for Kids means life and hope,” added Casey, 22.

Dr. Jason Fangusaro of Children’s Memorial Hospital agreed, saying, “Over 3,500 families are diagnosed each year with a journey full of fear, but you give them hope.”

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- **Individuals:** John, Julie & Johnny Runzel, \$34,160
- **Motorcycle club/chapter:** Wings Over the Prairie, \$45,480
- **Motorcycle business:** Nielsen Enterprises, \$78,079
- **Special organization:** In Memory of Dick Scaldone, \$7,715

Making a difference for 20 years

Minnesota motorcyclists have been supporting Ride for Kids for 20 years, and they celebrated this milestone on July 15 by raising \$47,496 for the PBTF.

They did it for brain tumor survivors like Domenick, Jewell, Josh, and Catrina, who joined them at Century College in White Bear Lake for the 50-mile lakeside ride.

Later the crowd of 200 heard from these stars, some of their parents, and Dr. Anne Bendel of the Children’s Hospital Clinics in Minneapolis.