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Cyclists helping kids with cancer

Markham

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By: Michael Power

When Kris and Kirk Tobias's mother, Karen, died of breast cancer in July 2002 at 53, the brothers took a bike ride to clear their heads.

That ride sparked an idea between the pair: hold an annual bike ride as a cancer fundraiser.

While getting the event off the ground, the brothers found no shortage of others interested in participating in such an event.

"We found several people who were touched by cancer and wanted to use their bikes to do something," said Kirk Tobias, 35, who lives in Markham.

The idea, originally spawned to honour the memory of their mother, has since raised enough money to send hundreds of children with cancer to summer camp, Mr. Tobias said.

Children attend Camps Trillium, Quality and Oochigeas, which are specifically geared to children with cancer.

This year marks the 6th annual Ride For Karen, which has raised close to \$500,000. The event takes place Sept. 9 and Scotiabank is on board to sponsor the fundraiser.

The York Regional Police Service is

also helping the cause with members volunteering to act as ride escorts.

Participants can choose between a 160-km ride and a much shorter 25-km route.



Brothers Kris (front, right) and Kirk Tobias lead the 2004 edition of the Ride for Karen.

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Cyclists meet and begin the ride at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School in Maple.

The longer ride starts at 8:30 a.m., while the 25-km event kicks off at 1 p.m. The day ends with a barbecue at St. Joan of Arc High that lasts until 4 p.m.

The 320 cyclists who participated in last year’s event raised more than \$175,000 and were able to send about 300 children to summer camp, Mr. Tobias said.

This year’s fundraising goal is set at \$200,000, with as many as 500 riders expected to participate.

“And 100 per cent of every single dollar raised goes directly to (sending children) to camps,” he added.

Participants can raise pledge money online or by canvassing door-to-door.

For more information on the event, to register or donate to the ride, visit www.rideforkaren.com



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