



*Providing bicycles and other wheeled toys to children with life threatening illnesses.*

# The Pedaler

**DECEMBER 2018**

*"Learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow." Anon*

Hello everyone and welcome to The Pedaler, the official newsletter of Cody's Wheels Of Hope. I know it has been some time since the last one, but here we go.....

James, age 3 of West Haven, CT, received a Crazy Coupe Police car and a policeman's uniform and hat. I haven't received pictures yet, but I will share them when I do! Michael, age 12 of Maralapan, NJ, is now the owner of a black 26" Hyper Havoc Mountain bike and a Schwinn lighted Thrasher helmet. 3-year-old Sophia in West Haven, CT is so pretty in her Barbie Ride-in Jeep.

In Milford, CT Nathan, age 3, is tearing up the sidewalk on his 16" Bicycle Boy Pro and wearing his R2D2 helmet. We had a 3 ½ year old boy in Meridian, CT who received an R/C Fierce Knight Pick-up. We also got a few batteries for that. 4-year-old Alondra in Stratford, CT is so proud of her 16" pink, white & purple Schwinn Bloom Bike and wearing her Schwinn Thrasher Helmet with pink hearts.

Emma, age 5 of Murrells Inlet, SC, is riding her 16" pink & purple Schwinn Bloom Bike and wearing her pink Bell Kick flower helmet. I am sure that 10-year-old Elijah in West Haven, CT is ripping up the street on his RipStik Casterboard. He also received a black Razor V17 helmet. Lynn, age 8 in Greenwich, CT is oh-so-stylish on her Roller Derby combo inline/quad roller skates and wearing her powder blue Bell Candy Zen helmet.

We are in the process of arranging some wheeled toys to be delivered to some children's hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses.

### **NEWSLETTER NEWS!**

Our new website (still under some construction) will now have our newsletters online. If you wish to discontinue our paper mailing to you just let me know. If I have your email address I can let you know when the new newsletter is up and ready to read. Also, some people have asked for extra copies so that they can leave them places like work, church, etc. If you would like more than 1 copy please let me know.

Speaking of our website, for those of you who refuse to join FaceBook we have good news. CWOH has a tremendous following on FaceBook. We put a lot of information, pictures, videos, news, etc. on our FB page. Now you don't have to miss out!! Just go to our website and click on the FaceBook button and you can see everything we post there! You don't have to join FB. All you will see is CWOH information.

*"There are no miracles for those who have no faith in them." Proverb*

### **BARNHART TRANSPORTATION**

On September 15<sup>th</sup> CWOH was invited to the annual safety picnic at Barnhart Transportation in North East, PA. Each year they raise money for a charity and this year it was us. We had a great time, met fantastic people and got some of our information out. We received \$2087.00 total from them! We thank them SO much!

### **ERIE TIMES NEWS**

Each October the Erie Times News has their pink cancer awareness section in the paper. They choose 2 charities to benefit from the sales. We were at the Times EARLY that morning to help pass out a newspaper and a donut to those driving through to purchase the paper. \$927.37 is what both charities received. Thank you Erie Times News!

### **LAKE ERIE MUSTANG OWNERS CLUB**

The members of the club presented CWOH with a check at Big Bash for Bikes from the proceeds from their annual Mustang Car Show in August. The check was for \$1000.00 and we received \$376.00 from the 50/50, for a total of \$1376.00!! Thank you LEMOC!

### **DONATION FROM BIKEFEST FUNDRAISING**

Dee Caruana, a local real estate agent, has been a great supporter of CWOH. This year at Harley Davidson of Erie's Bikefest Dee sponsored a fundraiser for us and we received \$325.00. We truly appreciate her efforts!



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## **PURSE BINGO**

On November 10<sup>th</sup> there was a purse bingo for CWOH. Prizes were purses, wallets and weapons. Yes, weapons (guns, knives, a crossbow, etc.). It was held at MC's Bar & Grill. Thank you to Kelly Suddarth (of Emily's Ride), Tracy Harrington and all the others who organized the event. In total, they raised \$3029.18 for CWOH. Thank you all so much!

## **BIG BASH FOR BIKES 2018**

Big Bash for Bikes was held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Usher's Club in McKean. What a party!! We saw many new faces this year, along with many repeat attendees. We added a new feature this year- each hour for 5 hours we gave away \$50.00. Winners were drawn from admission ticket stubs. It went over well. Our band - Acoustic Ear Candy - was very well received. I have had several requests to bring them back again. We gave away many items in our American Auction, Special Auction and the 3 item Raffle ticket. We also had a blanket raffle and the Vendor raffle. Vince Baldi made a diorama with a bicycle theme that was also raffled off. I would like to thank our vendors: Lund Martial Arts, Pampered Chef, Thermal G Model Airplane Club, LuLaRoe, Iadeluca Chiropractic, Presque Isle Tent & Table and RAACA (Riders Advocating Against Child Abuse). RAACA has been a vendor (and contributor) for all 7 years of Bash!! Our sponsors were: Alek's Powersports, Dee Caruana/Agresti Real Estate, John V. Schultz, Bonnell's Collision, Champion Ford Edinboro, Quality Rentals, Edder Funeral Home, Ron McLallen Landscaping and Schell-Baroth Auto Center. A very special thank you to St. Francis Usher's Club for their donation! The staff there goes out of their way to help with anything we need. If you are looking for a venue for an event, we highly recommend them. DJ Ray Meyers was with us for the 6<sup>th</sup> year. As usual, he was great and kept the pace going. Our own Joe Salorino was Emcee again this year. Whatever would we do without his expertise and witty remarks? I would like to thank the staff/board members and volunteers for your work and putting up with my Bash anxieties!! Once we started everything went well and we had a great time. We have tentatively scheduled Big Bash for Bikes 2019 for October 19, 2019 at St. Francis Ushers Club again. We hope to see everyone there. We promise you that you will have fun!

*"A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after a success."*  
*Unknown*

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## SPECIAL PRAYERS

One of "Cody's Friends", Austin, received some very bad news. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. They need all the comfort they can get. Thank you.

## HOLIDAYS

Well, Christmas is just about here. Hanukkah is past and Kwanza will be here soon. Even though Kwanzaa isn't a "religious" holiday, it is celebrated by some Christian and Jewish African-Americans. Cody's Wheels Of Hope would like to wish you all health, happiness, family and friends. I am reminded here by I quote that I came across:

*"For though my faith is not your faith and your faith is not mine, if we are each free to light our own flame, together we can banish some of the darkness of the world."*

***Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks***

Please take some time to remember "our kids" and what they and their families go through. Unfortunately, illness doesn't stop for holidays. If you would like to make a donation to our mission it would be greatly appreciated. If you want to honor someone, or make a donation in memory of someone, or just want to help us to brighten the lives of hopeful children, please remember us when making year-end donations.

*"God walked down from the stairs of Heaven with a baby in his arms".*

***Paul Scherer***



Barnhart Transportation



LEMOC Check presentation at Bash

Until next newsletter..... Be kind, be giving and be loving toward all who cross your path.

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**Thank you all for your support and help. If you have ideas for the newsletter, ideas for fundraisers (or would possibly want to sponsor a fundraising event) or need more information from us, please notify us. We cannot do this alone, and your help is very much appreciated!**

The **ONLY** requirements for receiving a bike/wheeled toy from CWOH is that the child be 15 years old or younger and have a life threatening illness.

It is our wish to reach many more eligible children. However, until we can be assured of a steady flow of donations we are hesitant to contact sources that can help us reach the children. If you would care to make a monthly or quarterly pledge to Cody's Wheels Of Hope, please contact Cindy – (cindy@cwoh.org or (814) 460-8228). All donations are tax deductible.

**If you do not wish to receive these newsletters, or any other mailings, from Cody's Wheels Of Hope, please notify us and we will remove your name from our mailing list. (We NEVER buy, sell or trade names with any other entities)**

**Thank you all so much. See you again in a few months with lots of news!**

**Cindy, Rich, Kristoffer & Julie Filson**