



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

# The Pedaler

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*"Your level of belief in yourself will inevitably manifest itself in whatever you do."*

*Les Brown*

Welcome to **The Pedaler**, the official newsletter of Cody's Wheels Of Hope. We sincerely hope that everyone is doing well and hoping that the virus does not affect you or your family and friends. This will be a much shorter newsletter than usual but wanted you to know that we are still working here.

Down to business:

We delivered an 18" green Surge Race Team bike and a Schwinn green and black helmet w/"mohawk" top and LED lights to 5 year old Noah of Erie, PA. Ohee, age 2 of Jamaica, NY, received a Radio Flyer Family Deluxe wagon. MD, age 8 and also of Jamaica, NY, is riding his new 20" neon green Kent Thruster Chaos BMX bike and wearing his Bell Sports Peak Pixels helmet. 5-year-old Sharia, also of Jamaica, NY, is the proud owner of an 18" blue Royal Baby Stargirl bike and a Disney Princess helmet.

Jace, age 11 of Dell Rapids, SD, was ecstatic when his new bike arrived!! He received a 26" blue dual suspension mountain bike and a blue & black Schwinn Intercept helmet. He insisted on taking it out in the snow to try it out. A 4-year-old boy in Aldie, VA has a new wheeled toy on the way. He will be receiving a blue Best Choice 12-volt Jeep Ride-on. Another boy, age 6 of Centerville, PA, is having a great time with his Radio Flyer Cyclone arm operated wheeled toy. We also sent him a John Deere set with a tractor, trailer and animals.

Kaiser Permanete Capitol Hill Pediatric Hospital in Washington, DC received a blue Best Choice 6-volt ride-on car truck. They may be receiving more wheeled items soon.

All "our kids" now receive a "Cody's Friend" tee shirt when they receive a wheeled toy from us. We are in the process of notifying several hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses concerning our services. Board member Kathy Betts is busy with that and is doing a great job.

*"The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they're gone."*

***George Eliot***

We are supposed to have a fundraiser coming up, but, due to the virus restrictions, it may be changed. You can stay posted on our Facebook page, email me or call me as to whether or not it will change. For the time being, from April 13<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> (M-St) if you take a flyer with you to Dickey's BBQ in the Liberty Plaza, 10% of your bill will be donated to CWOH. That is 6 days during all business hours You do need the flyer, though, so if you don't get one, please let me know. Again, I will be checking on those dates soon, so please check with us.

The Dash Makowski Charity BBQ will be held at Sparrow Pond Campground on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Cody's Wheels Of Hope and Lucy's First Step are the chosen charities this year to receive donations. We will be raffling something off, so look for that info in the next newsletter.

We will be raffling off our Liberty Basket of Cheer soon. Right now, the drawing date is set for July 1<sup>st</sup>. However, that may change. Because of the non-essential business shutdowns, our tickets are in limbo.... waiting to be printed. The basket contains a bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey, tequila, spiced rum, rum, lime gin and vodka. There is something for everyone! Tickets will be \$2.00/donation. Again, check our Facebook page, email or call me about tickets and any changes as to the drawing date.

We have exciting news! At our last board meeting we voted to change the age limit to be eligible to receive a bike/wheeled toy from us. Instead of age 15 or younger it is now 18 or younger. We will be able to make more children happy now! Our only other requirement is that they have a life-threatening illness.

Big Bash for Bikes will be held on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 10:00 PM at St. Francis Ushers Club in McKean. DJ Ray will be returning and the band this year is The Blues Beaters!! Our raffle this year has great prizes again! You have a choice once again on the ticket to choose what prize you would like to win. If you don't designate, your ticket stub will be randomly placed. One prize is a 55" Insignia smart TV. Another prize is a 5-piece lawncare set. We have a Westinghouse 40-volt cordless leaf blower, hedge trimmer, string trimmer/edge trimmer, battery and charger. Finally, we have a Camping Package. It contains a Mobihome 6-person tent w/quick set-up, Coleman



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Triton cookstove, Coleman cooler set (48 qt. cooler, 1/3 qt. gal. jug & 5 qt. cooler), Stansport enamel 24 pc. tableware and an 8-cup enamelware percolator. Again, tickets are stuck in the printing process now. More info on this later.

Once again, your admittance ticket stub will be entered to win one of 5 hourly drawings of \$50.00. If you, your place of employment or your business would like to donate to the American Auction, please let us know. Also, we are looking for sponsors. I am afraid we may have a problem this year, given the virus situation. We really need the sponsors to help with the expense of putting on the event. We have 3 tiers of sponsorship and have benefits with each one. This is our 9<sup>th</sup> year for this event!

Some people have asked who is on the CWOH Board of Directors. There are 12 of us:

Cindy Filson – President & Treasurer  
Kristoffer Filson – Vice President  
Mike Henderson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Traci Rice – Secretary  
Rich Filson – Sargent at arms  
Debbie Henderson – Event Coordinator  
Julie Filson  
Gail Woodruff  
Scott Woodruff  
Joe Salorino  
Kathy Betts  
Mark "Aleks" Aleksandrowich

I am very thankful for all the time and effort that these wonderful people have invested. It is a lot of work and they all do a fantastic job.

Hopefully, by the next newsletter, the world situation will be better, and things will be back to normal. Please keep yourselves safe – and see you on "the other side"!

*"Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving, make every day a holiday and celebrate just living."*

**Amanda Bradley**

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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 18 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**