



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

The Pedaler

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There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something tomorrow. **Orison Swett Marden**

Hello everyone! I know it has been some time since the last newsletter. I hope you are ready for summer, even though it doesn't seem to want to start! We have been busy making children happy. Here are our new "Cody's Friends":

Violet, age 1 of New Haven, CT, has new wheels! She received a pink motorized Jeep (with parental remote control). A 21-month-old girl in Fairfield, CT also received a Jeep, only blue. 2-year-old Henry of Gainesville, GA is so cool on his new 12" Huffy Marvel Spiderman bike with a web plaque and a Spiderman helmet. Shelse, of Athens, GA is the proud owner of a turquoise 26" Pacific Ladies Stratus all terrain bike and a white Punisher helmet.

A 9-year-old boy from Uncasville, CT is zipping around the neighborhood on his new green Razor Power Core 90 electric scooter and wearing his cool black Razor V17 helmet. A girl, age 3 of Norwalk, CT, is looking so sophisticated in her red Range Rover Evoque car (with parental remote control) and an 11 year old girl in Stratford, CT is riding with her friends on her new 24" NEXT girls Gauntlet bike wearing a Bell Bia silver sash helmet.

Laila, age 1 of Beaumont, TX, loves being pulled around in her Radio Flyer Deluxe Family wagon with canopy and Kynadi, age 6 also from Beaumont, TX, is riding a new 20" pink Magna girls Sapphire bike wearing a Raskullz Zebra Mohawk helmet. In New Haven, CT 2 1/2 year old Mousa received a blue & white Yamaha YX@ ride on.

YES! There's more.....

Annora, age 2 of Independence, MO, is so very cute on her Radio Flyer tricycle wearing her Minnie Mouse helmet. AnnaRose, age 14 of North Tonawanda, NY, can finally ride with her friends. She received a 24" red Goplus Trike and a white Schwinn Pathway helmet. 3-year-old Axel of New Haven, CT got his dream vehicle. He received a Best Choice 12-volt 2 speed fire truck! We also sent him a Melissa & Doug Fire Chief Costume. And finally, an 11-year-old girl in Bridgeport, CT now owns a purple 24" Schwinn Mountain bike and a Bell pink & purple helmet.

We have another application pending so you will hear about that one next time. As you probably noticed, some parents request that we not use their child's name. We do everything we can to respect the family's privacy. We are now sending tee shirts to all "our kids". They are safety orange with royal blue writing. They have our logo on the front, and it says Cody's Friend. The back has our logo and what we do. I do need to order more!! If you would like to contribute to the shirt funding it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind words are worth much and they cost little.

Proverb

Last newsletter we asked that you keep Austin in your prayers. He is a fighter! He is still hanging on currently, but his family says he is getting weaker all the time. He is such a great kid and his family are wonderful people. Their faith is getting them through this difficult time and will continue to guide them when he is gone. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

BOSCOV'S EVENT

We attended a breakfast for the kick-off of Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 and will have extended hours that day. They will be open from 8AM to 11PM. If you get a pass from your favorite participating charity (of course that would be Cody's Wheels Of Hope) for \$5.00 you can save 25% on most items in the store on that day! (A few items are 10% and 15% off.) Also, when you deposit your pass stub at the store you will be eligible for prizes. The charity can also benefit if it has the highest amount of passes turned in. The entire \$5.00 for the pass goes to the charity selling it. We will be at the store the day of the event (I believe tentatively 3-6PM) selling passes. SO, if you don't get them from us ahead of time come and find us at the store. You can get the passes from any of our Board members. If you wish, call me (Cindy) at 814 460-8228 or email me at cindy@cwoh.org. It will be a good time to start that holiday shopping!!



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BIG BASH FOR BIKES 2019

This year's Bash will be held Saturday, October 19, 2019 at St. Francis Ushers Club on Main Street in McKean, PA from 5:00 – 11:00 PM. Music will be by Cheap n Easy and DJ Ray Meyers. This is the 8th year for the event!! If you have been to any of them then you know what fun we have! Admission is \$10.00 donation and includes participation in our indoor "dice walk" – based on the popular dice/poker runs – but indoors (with cash prizes for top 3 highest rolls). Also included is a buffet and beer/pop. (Mixed drinks will be available at club prices.) We also have a 50/50, raffle, small games of chance, a fantastic American Auction, special auction and more! Your admittance ticket stub will be entered in a drawing every hour for \$50.00!! So, if you get your ticket stub in early, your chance of winning one of the drawings is greater. Admittance tickets are available now and at the door. Just contact us if you would like to get some ahead of time. Tables can be reserved for groups. There is an elevator and ATM machine available if needed. We also have our 50/50 tickets available. They are \$1.00 donation each. We have 3 really great items on our raffle ticket this year. Something new- you get to pick which prize you would like to try to win! On your ticket stub there is a place for options. If there is nothing chosen, then it will be deposited randomly. Prizes this year are a 4000/3500-watt Sportsman Generator that uses propane OR gasoline. We are also including a wheel set for it and a cover. Next prize is a 55" Insignia Smart TV – LED, 4K UHD w HDR, Fire TV Edition – and you can use it with your Alexa!! Another prize is an HP Chromebook with a 14" touchscreen, 4 GB memory, 32 GB eMMC flash memory. As I said – these are great prizes!! Tickets are \$3.00 each or 4/\$10.00 and are also available now. If you would like to donate a nice item or a basket for the auction, please let us know. We are looking for sponsors, also. This can be a business – or individuals. We have 3 levels of sponsorship and for every \$100.00 donated you receive a voucher for 2 free admittance tickets (also makes the ticket holders eligible for the \$50.00 drawings). Sponsor money helps defray the costs of putting on the event so that Cody's Wheels Of Hope can benefit by raising more money. As you can see, there is a lot going on and is always a fun time. We even extended the event by another hour because we have so much to do. So, plan now and mark your calendars. Get your friends together and get your babysitters lined up. We want to see you there!!

Every problem has a gift for you in its hands.

Richard Bach

FROM THE SEAT:



Annora



Laila



James

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We have our Board of Directors complete. If you need any information, tickets, whatever.... You can contact any of them. They can be reached by email at (their first name)@cwoh.org.

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Thank you to everyone without whom CWOH could not have survived the past 15 years. Your support and donations have helped us brighten the lives of many hopeful children. We hope that you will continue to believe in our mission and support us in the coming years.

Charity is the scope of all God's commands.

St. John Chrysostom

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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