



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

# The Pedaler

October 2020

*“Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you. Often, invoke them constantly, praise them, and make good use of their help and assistance in all of your temporal and spiritual affairs.”*

*St. Francis DeSales*

Happy Autumn everyone! What a crazy year this has been – and it’s not over yet! We hope this finds you and your family well. So, let’s see what we have been up to, shall we?

6-year-old Franco of Gaithersburg, MD requested a blue Skidee S foldable kick scooter. So, he received one! He also received an XJD helmet and wrist guards and knee & elbow pads to go with it. Nataliah, age 4 of Alexandria, VA requested a Disney Frozen 3-wheel battery powered ride on scooter. We were happy to make her day. Along with the scooter we sent her a Bell Disney Frozen 3D tiara bike helmet. In Girard, PA 18-year-old Andrew has a new 26” black high carbon steel 21 speed mountain bike and a black and gray helmet. 18-year-old Christopher of South Ozone Park, NY is riding his 26” Cobcob black heavy-duty road bike. He also received a black Schwinn Thrasher helmet.

Chinedu, age 12 of Lanham, MD requested a green Razor E100 power scooter and we also sent him a green and black Razor multi-sport helmet. Kevin, age 12 of Falls Church, VA, specifically asked for a White Fang skateboard for beginners. We also supplied him with a TurboSke helmet (matte gray), a holder for his new skateboard, elbow and knee pads & wrist protectors and a DVD called “Beginning Skateboarding for beginners”. We gave away a new item! Eden, 11 years old of Westport, CT asked for an Aosome folding pet bike trailer. Now she can take her furry friend out when she rides her bike. It also doubles as a dog stroller.

Calvin, age 9 of Hutchinson, KS, is speeding around on his Razor Dune Buggy. A Korimetta black helmet accompanied it. Isaiah, age 6 of Orange Park, FL, is tearing up the sidewalk on his green Madd Gear 20” Freestyle BMX bike wearing his black Razor V17 helmet.

A 10-year-old boy in Lilburn, GA is feeling pretty special on his 20" Huffy Hardtail 6 speed mountain bike. He also received a Bavik helmet with detachable visor with LED lights! In Stamford, CT 13-year-old Joshua is showing off his new black 26" Carbon steel mountain bike. A titanium colored Bell Reflex helmet went along with the bike.

YES!!!! We have MORE!

2 1/2 -year-old Emily is so happy with her 12" teal Schwinn Elm girl's bike and her new blue TurboSke helmet. A 5-year-old boy in Germantown, MD has a 16" Huffy Star Wars Stormtrooper bike and a matching Star Wars Stormtrooper helmet. Antonio, age 16 from Fort Washington, MD has a 26" black 21 speed High Carbon Steel mountain bike and an RX4 Airflow helmet in black. I am currently working on another application so you will read about that one next time.

As you can see, childhood illnesses don't take time off for a virus! This has been a busy year!

*"Live one day at a time emphasizing ethics rather than rules."*

**Wayne Dyer**

**BOSCOV'S Friends Helping Friends** event will take place again this year!! Because of the pandemic it has changed. It will be held 2 days this year (October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>). You do not need to purchase the Pass from us. Instead, most items will be 20% off and when you are at the register, please designate Cody's Wheels Of Hope to receive 5% of your total bill. That's it! So, get your Christmas lists started!

The **Dash Makowski Charity raffle & BBQ** was held at Sparrow Pond Campground the first Saturday in September. This year it was held outdoors. The proceeds were to benefit Cody's Wheels Of Hope and Lucy's First Step. We received a check for \$3500.00!! Thanks to Joe & Amy Makowski and Team Dash for their work. This was a great shot in the arm for us this year!



Cindy, Kris and Wyatt Filson (CWOH), Joey & Shep Makowski and Joe & Amy Makowski



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**Big Bash for Bikes** would have been held on October 10<sup>th</sup> this year. We knew early in the year that it wouldn't happen. This is our main fundraiser for the year. So, as you can see, it severely lowers this year's fundraising goals! We have been fortunate to have received a few donations that have helped us out. If you would like to donate, any amount helps us. You can mail a check to us (PO Box 8735 Erie, PA 16505) or go to our website ([www.cwoh.org](http://www.cwoh.org)) and use PayPal. Thank you all for your support. We will miss you this year, but we hope to be back next year. We have a tentative date of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Follow our Facebook page for more details as time goes on.

**Covid Relief Basket of Cheer** – Hopefully we will have our raffle for the basket of cheer in time for New Year's Eve. Watch Facebook for info on when tickets will be available.

*“Never in this world can hatred be settled with hatred; it will be settled by non-hatred – this is the way of eternal.”*

*Budda*

September was **National Childhood Cancer Awareness month**. So many children face the beast that is cancer. They need our help. There are so little dollars spent on childhood cancer research. Most of “our kids” have cancer, although there is a host of other equally terrible illnesses. I have read stories and seen videos of afflicted children. They are so strong in their fight against the enemy that invades their bodies!! Cody was a prime example. He was a fighter! If tenacity alone could kill cancer, he would be alive today. He (as well as many of the children) worried about how his family was doing and tried to tell us everything would be all right. In doing our mission we keep that idea alive – as well as keeping Cody alive - in our hearts. Please remember all these children in your prayers. Also, pray for their families because their whole world is turned upside down. If you know of any cancer-kid families, let them know that you care. Perhaps you could even do something for them – supply a meal, pay for gas for trips to the hospital, babysit siblings when Mom & Dad must be with the child, run errands for them, whatever you can do. Even “just listening” can be a huge thing! One month a year is not enough to recognize this horrendous malady.

This will be a short newsletter. There isn't a whole lot going on right now. Please follow our page on Facebook for any events that may arise, pictures of our kids and other newsworthy items.

Please be sure to wear your masks and don't forget to vote!

*“Until we meet again, may the good Lord take a liking to you!”*

*Roy Rogers*

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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**