

Hand in Hand Ride for PCH¹⁹



These young ladies are representatives from Miss Teen Arizona.

The fifth annual Hand in Hand Charity Ride to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital took place on Saturday April 14, 2018. It is part of the official AZ Bike Week itinerary and is sponsored by Harley-Davidson® of Scottsdale. My thanks to Lisa Cyr of [AZ Bike Week](#) for her help with this article.

This is a family-friendly event. Riders gathered at PCH, located at 1919 E Thomas Rd in Phoenix, starting at 8am. The registration fee included breakfast, a goody bag, a raffle ticket, and entrance into WestWorld in Scottsdale for the AZ Bike Week activities ~ including the ZZ Top concert.

Lisa shared, "Some of the kids that were able to leave their rooms were there to greet the riders. Each half hour we would announce a 'Rev and Ride'. Anyone who was ready to head to WestWorld at that time would rev their engines and that

would signal all the kids in the hospital who can't leave their rooms to come to their windows to wave goodbye to those riders. This is really an amazing sight and has become such a special part of the Hand in Hand Ride. It touches your heart to see the bikers waving to the kids they're riding for."

750 riders departed from the Hospital. This is a self-paced ride with no side stops or checkpoints. Saturday is a big day at WestWorld, so everyone just wants to get to [AZ Bike Week](#) for the bike shows, races, music, vendors, and the rest.

This year's Hand in Hand raised \$23,247 for Phoenix Children's Hospital. It is a record amount collected. Lisa sent along thanks to event sponsor Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale and to the Arizona Bike Week Charities Group for organizing the ride

& registration. She added, "This was the fifth annual Hand in Hand Ride. It's one of the largest rides of Arizona Bike Week. Many of the participants have gone on it every year. It's such a great way to start your Saturday at ABW, knowing that your contributing to helping kids who so need our support."

"Phoenix Children's has provided hope, healing and the best healthcare for children since its creation in 1983." and "Phoenix Children's is one of the largest pediatric healthcare systems in the country, and the most comprehensive children's care facility in the state." {from their website} Learn more about PCH by visiting online at www.phoenixchildrens.org

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