

June 29, 2020

Dear Friend of Our Hospital,

It is with a heavy "heart" that we have determined it appropriate to cancel the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hearts for Our Hospital Bicycle Challenge / Big Bike Weekend scheduled for November 2020. We recognize this decision will be disheartening for many, however, after much discussion and deliberation, we believe the cancellation to be in the best interest of our sponsors, volunteers, law enforcement and safety personnel, exhibitors and ride participants.

Throughout these unprecedented times, our communities and the livelihoods of so many have suffered significant economic impacts resulting in loss of jobs, loss of business and diminished sources of income. While our communities are in the process of reopening and rebuilding, we recognize the hardships they are facing and do not feel comfortable calling upon them for donations, albeit monetary, in-kind or volunteerism. Now more than ever is a time for all of us to come together to help our neighbors, just as they have always supported us. We encourage you to say "thank you" and patronize these many establishments, just as we will do also.

To our ride participants that look forward to the Hearts for Our Hospital Bicycle Challenge / Big Bike Weekend, we appreciate and understand your disappointment. Delivering a quality event to our ride participants is a key objective for us. We trust you will understand the decision to cancel for this year is based on a desire to maintain a high-quality experience for you in a safe and welcoming environment.

We fully expect to resume with the annual Big Bike Weekend next year. Mark your calendars for November 12 – 13, 2021. Thank you for your support and understanding. Until we meet again, stay safe and healthy.

Take care.

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