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Meet the Riders And Follow Their Journey





Scott Ressmeyer

Scott Ressmeyer, co-owner of Country's Barbecue launched the initial cross-country event in 2009 as Scott's Ride for Miracles to commemorate his 50th birthday. His philanthropic heart and long-time support of Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center prompted him to transform the occasion into a fund-raising ride that would benefit the children who are receiving care at The Medical Center. The first year, he set a goal of raising \$35,000 to purchase a new GE Omni Giraffe Bed for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and he exceeded his goal by raising more than \$51,000! In 2011, Scott was joined by 13 other Miracle Riders, and they raised over \$140,000! Ultimately, Scott has set a goal to raise \$1 million for Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center throughout the history of this ride.



Brian Brock

Brian is a Market Manager with Grainger and lives in Columbus with his wife Linda. Brian has 2 kids, John and Katie. Brian rides in honor of his daughter, Laine, who at 5 years old, passed away at The Medical Center after an unexpected illness. Brian began riding at an early age, took a break and about 8 years ago was able to get back into it in a big way. Brian enjoys supporting many nonprofits but as a parent, he wants to help children and their parents when they need it most.



James Cole

James is from Midland and started riding in 1954 with a Cushman Eagle. He's also ridden dirt bikes and is excited to be part of this ride for the third year. James is married to Linda and has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He enjoys visiting Children's Hospitals to see the great work of CMN across the country.



Raymond Eckel

Ray is a Vietnam Veteran who served 20 years in the US Army and is also retired from the Columbus Police Department. He serves as Vice President of the Georgia chapter of the Blue Knights. He has been riding since the age of 17. He's been married to his wife, Ilona for 42 years and they have 2 children. Ray is very excited to join the Ride this year!



Brad Hansen

Brad lives in Midland, GA with his wife Jan and bought his first bike when he was in college – a 1973 Norton Commando. He rode for many years but then sold his bike after his first child was born. Brad now enjoys his 2 grandchildren and got back into riding when he bought his Harley in the fall of 2004.



Mike Jolley

Mike currently serves as the Sheriff of Harris County and is from Hamilton. Sheriff Jolley served 20 years in the U.S. Army prior to being elected as sheriff. He is married to Cindy and has 2 children and 6 grandchildren. This is his fourth year as a Miracle Rider; he was instrumental in convincing Scott to expand the Ride from a solo mission to a group experience.



Mike Langford

Mike, a native of Columbus, now lives in Cataula. He started riding motorcycles 45 years ago on a dare from a friend. His wife Sandra also owns a Harley, and they are enjoying their retirement by traveling around the country on their motorcycles. They have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. This is Mike's third year as a Miracle Rider.



Gary McDowell

Gary lives in Manchester with his wife Julie and they have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He has been riding since he was 11 years old and still enjoys it. He was part of rides for Children's Miracle Network in the past, and is excited about helping raise money as a Miracle Rider.



Rick Stinson

Rick is a retired Police Sgt from the Columbus Police Department. He is also a member of the Georgia chapter of the Blue Knights. Rick started riding motorcycles to save money on gas at 16 and now is looking forward to riding to raise money for the kids at The Medical Center. Rick and his wife, Cathy, have 2 sons and 2 grandkids.



Larry Suits

Larry is a driver at Fort Benning and is married to his wife Roxann. He has one daughter, one grandson with another grandchild on the way in October! Larry has been riding since he was a teenager and is looking forward to his 2nd Miracle Ride because "it's the best ride you can go on to help CMN kids at The Medical Center."



Butch Thomas

Butch is from Columbus, GA and is retired from Communicorp/Aflac and now resides in Fortson with his wife Diane. Butch has two sons, one stepson, one step daughter, three granddaughters, and one grandson. Butch started riding a moped when he was twelve which progressed to dirt and street bikes and now his Harley Road Glide and Harley Road King. He is looking forward to be a part of a great ride for a great cause.



Ronnie Wilson

Originally from Columbus, Ronnie now lives in Salem, Alabama and is the owner of Ranger Joe's Barber Shop. He got his first motorcycle when he was 14 and has been riding ever since.

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