6th Annual Cycling Out Autism

An Interbay Rotary Initiative

The Interbay Rotary Club is hosting Cycling Out Autism on Saturday March 28, 2015 at the Pasco Rotary Pavilion at Concourse Nature Park in Spring Hill. In the last 5 years they have raised nearly $140,000 to support children in our community who have an autism spectrum disorder.

What is it? How does it work?

These are a variety of ways you can help:

- Be a SPONSOR
- Enter a CYCLING TEAM
- Register to RIDE as an individual
- VOLUNTEER the day of the event
- SUPPORT A RIDER like Tyler  http://www.imathlete.com/donate/TylerRover

For more information on how you can ride, volunteer or make a contribution, visit www.cyclingoutautism.com or call Allen Keetch on 813-367-6756.

Why Autism?

Recently, Interbay Rotary club made the decision to support autism with the focus on children. Autism Spectrum Disorder is currently being diagnosed at the rate of 1/68 children today. We do not know what causes autism and no current cure exists. It costs a family between 3-5 million dollars over their child’s lifespan. Yet, less than 5% of NIH research dollars goes toward autism…far less than the 44% that goes to childhood cancer or the 20% that funds childhood diabetes even though the prevalence of autism is far greater.

The monies raised will be donated to two programs that help people touched by autism spectrum disorder today, when families most need it. The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities and the Applied Behavior Analysis Program at the University of South Florida will be the recipients of the donations to continue their work in delivering education, services and supports to children and their families. Visit http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu and http://aba.cbcs.usf.edu.

www.cyclingoutautism.com