



CLEMENS CYCLE FOR CANCER

Remembering NANCY CLEMENS

Celebrating RICHARD CLEMENS

Discovering BETTER TREATMENTS

2004 Honoree BLAKE EILERS

Third Annual Event Scheduled August 13, 2005

Come to Plain City on Saturday August 13, 2005 to participate in the 2005 Clemens Cycle for Cancer. Like last year, the 2005 event will start and finish at Der Dutchman Restaurant at Route 42 and West Avenue in Plain City, Ohio. The 2005 event will offer cyclists a choice among three routes of varying length and difficulty.

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2004 Clemens Cycle for Cancer Was Overwhelming Success

Clemens Cycle for Cancer held its Second Annual event August 14, 2004. 35 cyclists raised more than \$6,104 supporting The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute at Ohio State.

Clemens Cycle for Cancer remembers Nancy Clemens who passed away from Leukemia and Lymphoma in 1996, and it celebrates the life of Richard Clemens who has beaten esophageal cancer since 2001. The event seeks to fund research for less invasive and more successful treatment alternatives for all forms of oncology.

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Blake Eilers 2004 Honoree

Cyclist Blake Eilers, of Bellbrook, Ohio, was honored with the 2004 Clemens Cycle for Cancer. Having participated in the 2003 event, Blake was involved with Clemens Cycle for Cancer before learning that he would become a cancer survivor. His story is a tribute to his family, friends (many of whom rode in 2004) and his faith.

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For casual cyclists, a popular choice in 2004 was the 30-mile route. Much of the same track will be covered in 2005, but with several enhancements — as long as road construction crews cooperate. This flat course travels south and west of Plain City through much of Madison County.

For advanced cyclists, an amazing Top of Ohio Century has been mapped to offer scenic climbs, descents, and breakaway opportunities. The course takes you west to Bellefontaine then south to Mechanicsburg before returning to Plain City.

New in 2005, intermediate cyclists can follow much of the century course for a 70 mile route. This course takes cyclists along mostly the same track as the century ride, but it skips the section with the biggest hills near Bellefontaine.

Also new for 2005, each route will depart at about 9:00 am.

All three routes may be slightly modified due to construction or other “discoveries”, so route maps will be provided closer to the event date. If you have favorite tracks through these areas, I would love to learn of your ideas.



We were ready to roll. 35 cyclists rode 30 miles for The James in 2004.

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When a July 28 MRI revealed “medulloblastoma” — a malignant brain tumor — Blake underwent surgery August 2 to remove the tumor. He followed with radiation treatments into October and extensive therapy thereafter.

Blake’s condition has improved dramatically as indicated in his family web site posting of December 6. He no longer wears an eye patch since he can focus better and see one image. Changes to his steroid protocol have eased his nausea and fatigue. Recent MRIs show an area of contrast that raises concerns, but research shows that post-radiation damage can be mistaken for new tumors.



With a foundation in faith, Blake and his family reveal great inner strength that has led to a miraculous recovery. This encourages survivors to trust their Lord and their doctors with their lives. May God continue to shine on the Eilers family.

2004 Honoree Blake, showing LIVESTRONG spirit, will select charitable organization to receive donor pledges from the 2005 Clemens Cycle for Cancer.

Nominate Someone to Honor in 2005

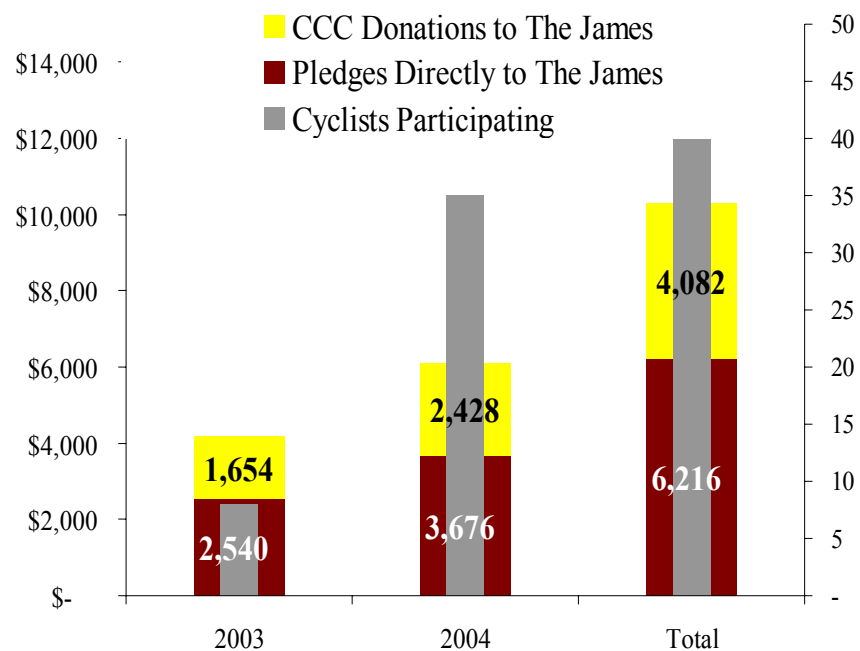
We were humbled by the outpouring of support in honor of Blake Eilers in 2004. In that same spirit, we are seeking a 2005 event honoree. If you are aware of someone in the cancer and/or cycling community who is worthy of consideration, please contact Rick Clemens 614.657.7797 or Cycle4Cancer@WideOpenWest.com.

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2004 event proceeds benefited The James project in Human Cancer Genetic Advances. Project information can be found online at <http://www.osuccc.osu.edu>.

Total event receipts were \$7,374. Of the total, \$3,676 was donated directly to The James through pledges. Remaining donations given to Clemens Cycle for Cancer included cash of \$2,903 and non-cash items valued at \$795.

After covering event costs, Clemens Cycle for Cancer made additional cash donations to The James totaling \$2,428 to bring total donations to The James to \$6,104.



The James has been a gracious recipient of our support in 2003 and 2004, but to express our gratitude to the Eilers family we are allowing them to choose the charitable organization that will receive pledges and donations from the 2005 Clemens Cycle for Cancer.

Thanks to everyone who helped make Clemens Cycle for Cancer a success. Cyclists, volunteers, donors, family, and friends, I thank you sincerely. I am especially grateful for my father. Dad, you inspire us to do great things.



Cyclists pedal down the road to discover better cancer treatments.

With your continued participation and support, we will realize our goals in the fight against cancer. Be sure to register early to participate next year. I am eager to ride with you again August 13, 2005.

Sponsorship Opportunities

If you have an interest in partnering with Clemens Cycle for Cancer for product promotion as a corporate sponsor, you should contact Rick Clemens at 614.657.7797 or Cycle4Cancer@WideOpenWest.com. Our largest need is for nutrition and refreshments provided along the cycling course, but we welcome new ideas and suggestions.

Update on My Father

My father continues to fight his stomach tumor with ongoing chemotherapy. While he has not yet won this battle, he has already won the war, and we are blessed to have him with us this Christmas season. We anticipate a Blessed 2005 full of miracles yet unseen as we ponder taking part in clinical trials. Please keep praying for his health and peace.



Images from 2003

