



## CLEMENS CYCLE FOR CANCER

**Celebrating RICHARD CLEMENS**

**Remembering NANCY CLEMENS**

**Discovering BETTER TREATMENTS**

**2005 Honoring MATT SCHNEIDER**

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## ***Planning Your Improved Experience August 12, 2006***

**C**onsulting with cyclists and volunteers who churn the gears for Clemens Cycle for Cancer, we identify areas for improvement each year. When you return in 2006, we hope to meet expectations for a safe, fun event.

It has been a fun challenge to meet the needs from cyclists of all abilities who are welcome to join event founder, Rick Clemens,

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## ***Clemens Cycle for Cancer Turns Up Heat Against Cancer***

**C**hallenging cyclists to extraordinary achievements in the cause against cancer, Clemens Cycle for Cancer faced 100 degree temperatures during one of Ohio's hottest days of 2005.

Efforts of 89 cyclists in this third annual event brought \$11,667 to Miami Valley Hospital Foundation supporting the Radiation Oncology Department and Cancer Outreach and Education programs of the Rike Cancer Center at MVH.

Clemens Cycle for Cancer seeks to fund research supporting the discovery of less invasive and more successful treatment alternatives in all forms of oncology.

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89 cyclists riding in 2005 Clemens Cycle for Cancer assemble at the start.

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who lost both parents to cancer. What follows are just a few of the comprehensive improvements we plan for next year.

**Flexible registration and departure schedules** will meet demands from varied cyclists. Registration will open from 7:00 a.m. until noon for our shorter routes. Earlier start times are preferred for riders taking longer routes. Further, we will forego the mass start in favor of allowing cyclists to depart at their leisure.

**More frequent rest stops with restroom services** will be made available at select break locations.

**Enhanced emergency and sag support** will ensure a safer, more enjoyable experience on the road.

However, we remain steadfast in our pledge to provide both easier and more difficult cycling routes. We will deliver much of the same beauty but study Ohio's rural roads to introduce visual surprises. Paul Arlinghaus, who completed the Top of Ohio Century says, "That was a great route. I never knew that part of the state had so many rollers."

We hope you return to enjoy Clemens Cycle for Cancer 2006.

We have made big improvements since four cyclists covered 200 miles in 2003.

Gathered with our inspiration Dick Clemens, center, at the 2003 finish were sons Bill and Rick with Todd Creek and Blake Eilers.



## **Honor Your Hero in 2006**

Cycling in honor of a cancer patient strengthens the bond between Clemens Cycle for Cancer and the cancer community. Past honorees were Matt Schneider in 2005 and Blake Eilers in 2004.

Eilers, who also cycled in the inaugural Clemens Cycle for Cancer, rode 30 miles in 2005 to celebrate his first year of survival from brain cancer. His spirited life continues having started his college career at Grove City College, Pennsylvania.

Schneider, a Franklin County Deputy Sheriff who had served his community faithfully for two decades before passing from lymphoma December 2004, inspired his surviving family and friends to join Clemens Cycle for Cancer in his honor. Along the 30-mile route, the Schneider family rescued a stray cat who they decided to name "Clementine."

The Schneider family will help Clemens Cycle for Cancer select a beneficiary to receive proceeds from our event in 2006. His wife Susie indicates that she wishes to support a program that eases access to quality care for cancer patients.

Contact us to suggest a cancer patient for our 2006 honoree.



Matt Schneider's family pedaled together for 30 miles, and helped bring an uplifting spirit to honor Matt throughout the day.

Pictured from left are daughter Carley, son Aaron, wife Susie, and daughter Ashley.

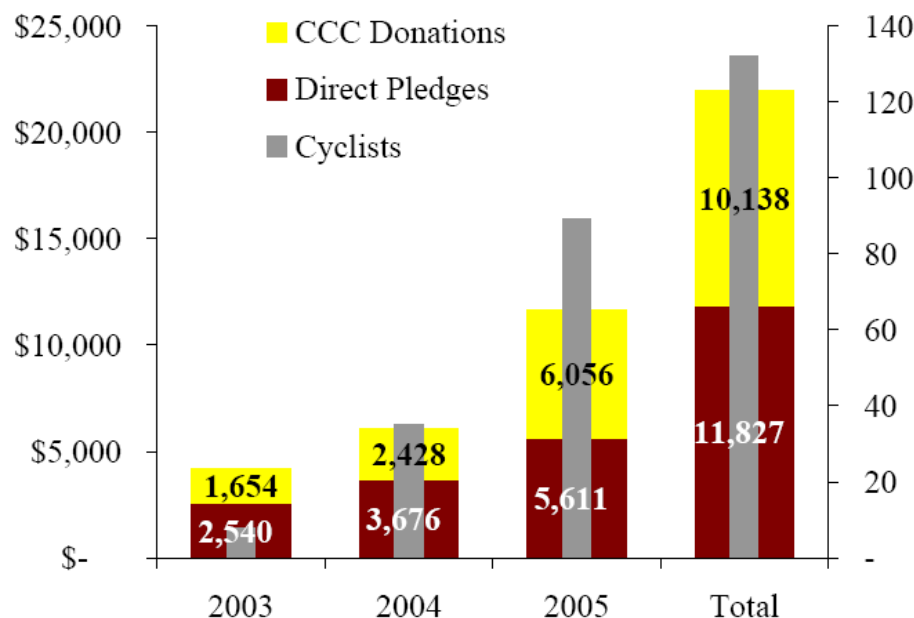
## ***Turns Up Heat — from page 1***

For the 2005 event, total contributions exceeded our goal of \$10,000. We raised \$5,611 donated directly to MVH Foundation through pledges. After covering event costs, Clemens Cycle for Cancer donated \$6,056 to MVH Foundation to bring total donations to \$11,667.

This total amount raised exceeds the \$10,300 combined grand total from 2003 and 2004. To date, Clemens Cycle for Cancer has raised more than \$22,000 benefiting cancer research, and donations continue to arrive at Clemens Cycle for Cancer, PO Box 13353, Dayton, OH 45413.



Cyclists prepare to battle 100° heat while pedaling up to 100 miles to advance cancer treatments.



After riding in the event alongside Doug Ditzel, MVH Medical Director of Radiation Oncology, Jenny Lewis, President and CEO of MVH Foundation, says, "Thank you! Your gift will touch lives of many cancer patients."

Organizers of Clemens Cycle for Cancer warmly thank everyone who helped make the event a success. Cyclists, volunteers, donors, family, and friends all came together for a memorable day.

Your participation and support help us meet our goals against cancer. Please register early to turn up the heat again August 12, 2006.

## ***Corporate Caring***

We appreciate donations from our corporate sponsors who help Clemens Cycle for Cancer provide an enjoyable event. Contact Rick Clemens at 614.657.7797 or [Cycle4Cancer@WideOpenWest.com](mailto:Cycle4Cancer@WideOpenWest.com) for further information about opportunities to express that your company cares to join our fight against cancer.

## ***Injured Rider Bicycling Again***

Renee Denton, who suffered an accident along the ride, has recovered from the wreck and ensuing care-flight to MVH in Dayton. She met her goal to ride in Death Valley to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation this fall. Kind thoughts and prayers for Renee's well being — in addition to her helmet — paved the way toward her quick recovery.

