

Local Resident joins fight to conquer cancer in a history-making ride

Have you ever consider taking a bike ride from Toronto to Niagara Falls? How about raising \$2,500 for cancer research? How about both?

Jason Thompson of Fergus is doing just that. Jason has committed to conquering cancer by participating in the second annual **Ride to Conquer Cancer** benefiting Princess Margaret Hospital.

On June 12 - 14, 2009, Thompson and the other participants will embark on a two-day cycling journey of over 200 km through Southern Ontario from Toronto to Niagara Falls. Riders are required to raise at least \$2,500 - all the proceeds going to Princess Margaret Hospital to support cancer research, treatment, and services. Princess Margaret is Canada's leading comprehensive institution devoted to cancer research and care.

Thompson is dedicating his ride to his son Jakob and his son's Grandfather. "My father-in-law is a cancer survivor, now 6 years cancer free! Jakob will be turning 6 in March...if you do the math it's obvious that we owe much to the likes of Princess Margaret Hospital and we are extremely thankful that Jakob has a fantastic relationship with his Grampy.", reflects Thompson.

Thompson is eager to fund raise for the cause – his most significant fund raising event is the **2nd Annual Party to Conquer Cancer** at the Fergus Legion on *Friday February 20th 2009*, all proceeds will be directed toward the Princess Margaret Hospital.

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Thompson hopes this event will help him to surpass his fund raising goal. The 2nd Annual Party to Conquer Cancer will be held at the Fergus Legion on Friday February 20th, 8:00pm – 1:00 am. Tickets for the event are \$10 each – available at Cherry Hill Entertainment in the Fergus Market Place.

"If it's anything like last year's event, I'm looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic party. The Legion will be providing the bar and I've arranged for a great and danceable band – *Killin' Time* – to play for the night", says Thompson. The evening will also include a door prize and raffles of donated goods from local business. A coat check will be provided by high school students, who will split the earnings with Thompson – their share to benefit Jacob's Place, mission trips organized by CWDHS teacher Mrs. Vosburgh.

Thompson says, "My goal is to surpass last year's attendance and I had over 250 tickets sold last year". Jason would like to thank Jen Burn for being his "number one ticket seller!"...but if Jen doesn't sell you one, tickets are available at Cherry Hill Entertainment during regular business hours" or you can contact Jason Thompson directly at kajy@sympatico.ca or (519) 787-7680.

To support the cause with a donation, visit the website at www.conquercancer.ca and enter Thompson's participant ID number 530795-7, or call (416) 815-RIDE (7433).

Anyone can join the ride. According to organizers all you need is a bike, a helmet and a little motivation.