

On Roger's Ride For A Cure 2011



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On Saturday, August 27, 2011 in honor and memory of Roger Ballantyne we held Roger's 3rd annual "Roger's Ride For A Cure". The Ride was done in the spirit of Roger's commitment to family, friends and the community.

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On behalf of the Ballantyne/Roy Family we have many friends, family and businesses to thank for their contribution for a successful ride. Our long time neighbors and friends, Tom & Linda Peary, Darcy Peary, Chris & Steve Fay and Carolyn Muller, George & Donna Davison, Bob & Denise Joyal, Carol & Tobias Anderson-Paddock and Abraham and Lynn Dadian, Carrie Chandler and co-workers Frederick Brierly and Matt Rockwell. My brother & sister-in-law Robert & Patricia Ballantyne and all of our children Lisa, Blaine, Matt and Andrea and their spouses and four grandchildren, my siblings, my Mom and the

many other relatives for their contributions. I am grateful to Dick Breton and Bob Hamel for their leadership in securing a wonderful job for the safety of all the riders. Thank you for all our Riders for their contributions along with Laconia Kiwanians and the many people whom personally donated their time, money and commitment to our Ride. Thank you to our local businesses for their contributions, Peter and Chris Irwin of Irwin Toyota Ford Lincoln Scion & Hyundai for the use of the facilities, Kevin Hartigan of Laconia Village Bakery for coffee, pastries and a Pig Roast, Roger's former employer Citizens Bank for their contributions towards the t-shirts, Sarah of Body Covers Body Screen for their design and contribution of the t-shirts, Byse Agency Incorporated for their cycle kick stand plates, Moe Martineau, owner of Trustworthy Hardware for the use of their electronic board to notify people of the change in date due to the Hurricane. I am and continue to be in awe of the remarkable people in my life and in our wonderful community for their unconditional support.

Thankfully we raised in spite of Hurricane Irene \$3,719 in 2011 and a grand total over the last three years of \$12,045. The monies will be shared with LRGHealthcare to whom Roger contributed many years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees and the Kidney Cancer Association, a very helpful resource for Roger as he battled Kidney Cancer and for me as a caregiver.

I have been torn in my decision for our ride in 2011 to be the final ride. It is not for the fact the memory of Roger is lessening or for the good of the community is less important. I believe it is the right choice. We are healing and continue to find joy for we have much to be grateful for in our lives. It will be important for me to know our children in some way will continue our lessons in life to "pay it forward". Roger quoted to me many a time "Elizabeth, life is not a dress rehearsal" as is noted on the t-shirts. We will continue on his legacy by our example in our day-to-day lives.

For those of you wanting to know more of the ride and the benefactors, visit them on line:

www.rogersrideforacure.com and visit us on Facebook.

www.lrg.org

www.kca.com

On behalf of the Ballantyne/Roy Family thank you all so very much!

Betty Ballantyne

Laconia, New Hampshire