



National Multiple Sclerosis Society
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Dear MS 150 Bike Tour Cyclist:

Thank you for coming out and participating in the 23rd annual MS 150 Bike Tour. You made it, despite the wind!! It's really difficult to put into words the impact an event of this magnitude can have on a person. To say it was an inspiring, motivating, and fun-filled weekend would be an understatement. It was far more than that. It was a demonstration of love, dedication, and compassion for thousands of people who are coping with multiple sclerosis. As a cyclist, your commitment to ride, fundraise, and train not only made a lasting impression on more than 5,000 area residents and their families who are coping with MS, but it also helped bring us one step closer to a cure.

To date, you have helped raise over **\$306,000**, which is not only amazing, but also considerably higher than last year's total at this point in time. Your efforts are applauded and greatly appreciated. We are also proud to report that we currently have **81** thousandaires, and that number continues to grow.

We are aware that you may still have outstanding pledges, so we have set a fundraising deadline of **July 2, 2003**. For your convenience, an envelope has been included for you to use to turn in any additional pledges. After July 2, we will send you a prize letter, which will indicate how much money you have raised and your selection of possible prizes. The prizes you choose will then be ordered and shipped. A participation survey has also been included. Please take a few minutes to complete it and return it to the Chapter. We take your suggestions and concerns very seriously and refer to them when planning for the upcoming year. We will contact you in a few weeks regarding team and individual photographs.

The Chapter would also like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers and sponsors for all of their hard work and support, as well as the many cyclists who went out of their way to assist others who had been injured or needed mechanical support.

It was an absolute pleasure to work for you and we hope to see you again next year.

Sincerely,

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