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11th Annual AngelRide Raises More than \$400,000 for The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Hospital Outreach Program

More than 300 Cyclists Rode Across Connecticut to Benefit Seriously Ill Children

Ashford, Conn., May 29, 2014 – Even rainy weather couldn't stop the fundraising efforts of this year's AngelRiders, who raised more than \$400,000 in the Memorial Day weekend ride. More than 300 cyclists from across New England rode across the state of Connecticut, raising money for The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp's Hospital Outreach Program (HOP), which brings Camp-style activities to children in hospitals and clinics.

"After recovering from my second fight with cancer, I have travelled the globe ticking off my list of 101 Things to do when you survive, and I can safely say that AngelRide has been the most amazing thing I have ever experienced," said rider Greig Trout. "You are not only raising money for the most wonderful cause, but you also are riding with the most inspiring group of people you could ever hope to meet. I thought AngelRide would be a one off experience for me; I was very wrong. I'm hooked!"

AngelRide, the only cross-Connecticut charity cycling event, is one of the largest events of this kind in New England. Participants begin their journey in scenic Norfolk and travel 83 miles to Camp's 344-acre facility in Ashford the first day. The second day, riders travel 50 miles from Camp to beautiful Mystic.

AngelRide is part of a series of athletic and other events available through Team Hole in the Wall, which provides participants the opportunity to raise funds for a variety of Camp programs. Cyclists participating in AngelRide commit to raising funds to support HOP, which seeks to improve the quality of life for hospitalized youngsters through activities such as painting, crafts, games and companionship. Each year, more than 20,000 HOP visits bring the fun and friendship of Camp into nearly 30 sites throughout the Northeast – all free of charge. The program continues to grow, expanding into Philadelphia last year and into Northern New Jersey this year. AngelRide is a significant driver of this expansion, with 100 percent of the funds raised going to support the program.

In addition to cyclists, the ride is supported by sponsors including Aetna, Covidien, Fusco Corporation, Mohegan Sun and Poland Spring, and hundreds of volunteers who provide support along the course. More information is available at www.angelride.org.

About The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp

Founded in 1988 by Paul Newman, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is a community dedicated to providing "a different kind of healing" to seriously ill children and their families through a variety of year-round programs. The Camp delivers fun, friendship and a healthy dose of mischief through its signature summer program and weekend sessions at the Camp facility in Ashford, Conn. as well as outreach to hospitals, clinics and communities across the Northeast. All services are free of charge. For more information, visit <http://www.holeinthewallgang.org>.

About Team Hole in the Wall

Team Hole in the Wall is The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp's grassroots community fundraising program; providing an opportunity for people to take action and make a positive impact on the lives of the children and families we serve. Team members participate in athletic events or use their passion and interests to create unique community events while raising funds and awareness for The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

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