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Connecticut Bike Ride Supports Hospitalized Children

New Haven, Connecticut -- May 26, 2010 -- This Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30, more than 280 cyclists will participate in AngelRide 2010.

Now in its seventh year, AngelRide is the only cross-state cycling event in Connecticut. Riders will make the two-day, 135-mile trek across the state supported the entire way by a motorcycle support team, mobile bike-tech specialists and hundreds of additional volunteers.

Day One of AngelRide will take riders through 85 miles of scenic countryside from Norfolk to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp's world-renowned camping facility for seriously ill children in Ashford, Connecticut. On Saturday night, AngelRide cyclists will enjoy an overnight stay at the Camp.

On Day Two, the ride proceeds 50 miles to a celebratory finish in historic Mystic. A shorter children's ride is also scheduled for Day Two. A dozen youngsters will ride a portion of the Sunday route and have raised more than \$5,000 to help other children with serious illnesses.

Each adult AngelRider commits to raising funds that sponsor the Camp's year-round Hospital Outreach Program, bringing the joy and empowerment of Camp to the bedsides of seriously ill children in hospitals throughout the northeast. The program seeks to improve the quality of life for hospitalized youngsters through activities such as painting, crafts, games and companionship. AngelRide sponsors include the Fusco Corporation, Mohegan Sun and Poland Spring. AngelRide has been a proud supporter of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp since 2004. For more information, see 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 nonprofit, residential summer camp and year-round center serving children and their families coping with cancer and other serious illnesses and conditions. Each year, Camp programs provide services to more than 15,000 children. All of the Camp's services are provided free of charge. For more information, see www.holeinthewallgang.org.

About Team Hole in the Wall

Team Hole in the Wall is the athletic fundraising program of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp that partners athletes with the mission of Hole in the Wall Camps. By challenging themselves in cycling events like AngelRide, marathons, triathlons, and other athletic events, Team Hole in the Wall participants enable seriously ill children to experience the magic and empowerment of The Hole in the Wall Camp and its sister camps worldwide. For more information, see www.teamholeinthewall.org.

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