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### **Cyclists Make a Difference for Hospitalized Children**

New Haven, Connecticut -- April 23, 2010 -- On Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30 of Memorial Day Weekend 2010, more than 200 cyclists are expected to participate in AngelRide – the annual two-day, 135-mile cycling event across the state.

Now in its seventh year, AngelRide is the only cross-state cycling event in Connecticut. The AngelRiders will be supported throughout the route 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 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.

Organized by Team Hole in the Wall, AngelRide supports The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp's Hospital Outreach Program that brings the hope and healing of the Camp to the bedsides of seriously ill children in hospitals across the northeast. Each adult AngelRider commits to raising a minimum of \$1,000, 100% of which goes to sponsor the Camp's Hospital Outreach Program.

AngelRide sponsors include the Fusco Corporation, Mohegan Sun, Poland Spring and Newman's Own, Inc. AngelRide has been a proud supporter of the Camp's Hospital Outreach Program since 2004.

For more information or to interview an AngelRide cyclist, contact Willow Ann Sirch at [willow.sirch@holeinthewallgang.org](mailto:willow.sirch@holeinthewallgang.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 [holeinthewallgang.org](http://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 [teamholeinthewall.org](http://teamholeinthewall.org).

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