

Hello!

I wanted to let you know that I am embarking on a pretty big challenge. I am attempting to complete a 200 mile race from Seattle to Portland over the course of two days. The Seattle to Portland bike race is on its 30<sup>th</sup> year and its route takes me through the scenic valleys, forests, and farmlands of western Washington and Oregon. (July 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>)

I am contacting you not to tell you I'm having a mid-life crisis but to ask for your financial support. I am making this trip to raise funds for the Children's Village here in Yakima, Washington. This wonderful place is a one stop facility where families of special needs children can go to get the services they need.

They opened their doors in 1997 and it continues to be a place where miracles happen every day. Since that time, more than 16,000 children and their families have entered to receive services, support and the care they need. I encourage you to visit their website and learn more about this amazing place. <http://www.yakimachildredivillage.org/>

So here is my pitch, I am asking each of you to dig deep and visit my website to make a donation. My goal is to raise \$7,500 for this tremendous cause.

<http://nc.memfound.org/netcommunity/EdsBikeRide>

The website offers an opportunity to use your Visa/Mastercard or you can send a check to The Memorial Foundation, 2701 Tieton Drive, Yakima, WA 98902 ... payable to "The Children's Village" with a notation – for Ed's Bike Ride. This is a tax deductible contribution...so why wouldn't you?

I'll keep you updated on my progress and send out an email after the race is completed on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance. I know times are difficult but I truly appreciate your donation in any amount.

Best Regards,

Ed Reinhart