

# Riding to raise money for Jimmy Fund

**M**ore than 550 bikers, aged 3 to 15, rode in the Kids Pan-Mass Challenge at Hingham High School on Sunday to celebrate raising more than \$59,000 for the Jimmy Fund to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

98.5 MIX radio revved the kids up with music all day. Channel 5's Kelley Tuthill, who grew up in Hingham and is fighting breast cancer, served as emcee and had all the riders involved in a pre-ride cheering session. Nayree Goler, 12, who has been fighting leukemia since she was seven, thanked everyone and told them how much their efforts meant to those with cancer.

PMC creator Billy Starr told the kids he hoped this would be the beginning of a life-long habit of volunteering and fund raising.

Emmy Giarusso, 15, sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and the riders were off.

The tykes rode round and round the high school parking lot in a little obstacle course set up for them. Cheered on by their parents and volunteers, they didn't seem to want to stop!

As all the riders finished under a bright balloon arch waving in the

wind; they received medals, which were proudly displayed all day long.

Jen Clark, a Kids PMC volunteer, said a 6-year-old rider, who finished the Crusader course, told her it was the first time he had ever been good at any sport and he had a medal to prove it.

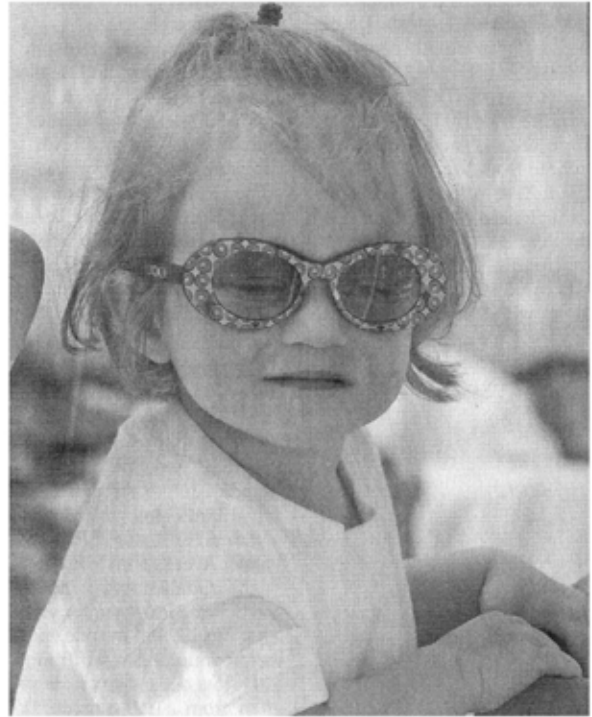
One of the most meaningful parts of the day was the Dedication Board and the tags bikers wore dedicating their rides to those with cancer who had touched them personally.

Kelley Tuthill mentioned that she saw a tag dedicating a ride to "Everyone" and another was spotted dedicating the day to "Everyone with no hair."

The after-party started with Jenny the Juggler followed by the Hip Hop Dance Shop. A raffle topped off the day with bikes, New Balance Gift Certificates, a Tim Wakefield ball and a LuLulemon gift bag featured.

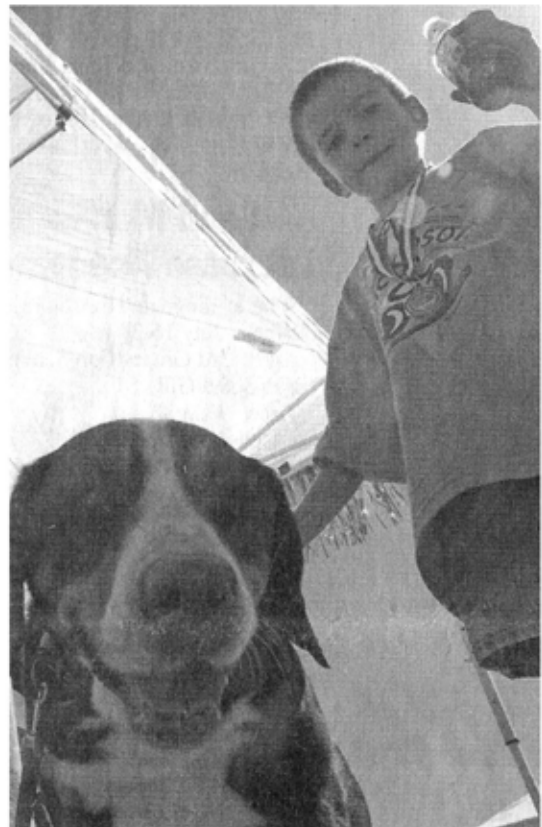
Mellie Hutchinson, a volunteer and cancer survivor, said, "Hingham and the South Shore really shone this morning and showed their commitment to fighting cancer."

Donations still may be made at [kids.pmc.org/hingham](http://kids.pmc.org/hingham).



*Maggie Leaver wears some "cool" shades as she takes in all the activities at the Kids-Pan Mass Challenge. The after party started with Jenny the Juggler and then the Hip Hop Dance Shop performed.*

## Photos by Laura Sinclair



*Brendan Monahan hangs out with LuLu, the cancer-fighting dog, owned by artist and cancer survivor, Scott Leaver.*