



BACK GROUNDER

Team H2V::Coast to Coast

Team H2V::Coast to Coast is a historic Trans-Canada race in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Five Team H2V riders will cycle from Halifax to Vancouver beginning September 14, 2007 —coast to coast - in a continuous rotation --- covering 6,000 kilometers – in the fastest possible time - in a history making 9 days. Riders will cycle 24 hours a day in 3 hour shifts at an estimated speed of 30 km/hr. H2V is a history making ride pushing for a history making cure.

THE PROMISE – How H2V was conceived

A promise is one of the biggest commitments we will ever make—and this was a *big* one. Kyle Balagno's daughter Taylor has juvenile diabetes. He promised he would do everything in his power to find a cure for the disease before her 18th birthday. Taylor is 12. Kyle wants a cure. [Enter - Matt Young], friend and one keenly aware of the Kyle's commitment. "What's it going to take?" he asks. "Money ", Kyle states. They agree the best course of action is to do something, something big that's never been done. H2V::PUSH THE PACE is conceived.

The goal of Team H2V::Coast to Coast is \$1,000,000.00

Kyle and Matt are Team H2V riders.

Team H2V

Kyle Balagno, Matt Young, Willie Cromack, Keith Nicoll and Richard Alm are a community of friends sharing an unshakeable Can Do!...anything is possible attitude and approach to life. Why sit and do nothing when you can do something! The bigger the better! Embrace life! The challenge they face is enormous... their faith, hope and passion even bigger.

H2V on the Road to a Cure

Team H2V riders will travel the path of the Trans Canada Highway though metropolitan and rural areas; populated and desolate terrain; across the vast, open Prairies through to the jagged, unforgiving Rockies. The road the H2V riders will push through is a metaphor for the road traveled by juvenile diabetes researchers. It has been an arduous road but one punctuated with unflinching hope, the latest advances so compelling, so cutting edge, so abundant that the long awaited cure appears-for the first time-in sight. This is a crucial point in the road to a cure. Like the Team H2V riders, researchers working at a feverish pace will need a concentrated, accelerated push to bring them home. Pushing the Pace of research...working together, never stopping... never giving up.

H2V Supports JDRF

H2V::Push the Pace is in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The JDRF mission *is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through research*. Canada is one of the global leaders in juvenile diabetes research. Canada has been at the forefront of all major breakthroughs since the discovery of insulin 86 years ago. H2V wants to make juvenile diabetes...history.

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Juvenile Diabetes Touches Children

There is a sense of urgency that drives Juvenile Diabetes research forward. It's what it does to the people it touches. 200,000 Canadians have Type 1 diabetes most of them children. These kids live a challenging life...very different than their peers. They push the life sustaining insulin in, monitor food intake, balance activity and continually check blood sugar levels, reading the all important numbers that drive every minute of every day. If they stop or take anything for granted...the consequences are deadly.

Join Team H2V

On-line donations can be made through the H2V website <http://www.TeamH2V.com> or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) website. The H2V and JDRF Canada websites both access the secure JDRF donation back end and facilitate the distribution of all tax receipts.

Canaccord Capital title Sponsor of Team H2V

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Sanofi-Aventis plays an active role throughout the world in supporting humanitarian initiatives. Sanofi-Aventis is one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies in the service of health world wide. R & D targets diabetes Type 1 & 2 working to develop new, effective and well tolerated medicines.

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