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To: Riders, Participants, and Volunteers

Subject: End to a successful Riding with Santa '19

Good day my friends,

Happy Friday to all. Hope everyone has had a successful week. Our Holiday Season is past us as of 3 King's day (January 6th); at least for my family. As we put a close to the 2019 Riding with Santa project, it fills my heart with gratitude and great joy that together we made a difference in a child's heart this past Christmas day.

During the toy give away on Christmas day, the looks on the kids face when they got to see Santa, speak to him, and pick out a toy of their choice, was amazing. What was even more heartwarming was the parents of these children sharing their gratitude towards us (the volunteer team) as they felt thankful for what we've done for their kids. In the words of one dad with three kids that recently relocated from Arkansas; "I had no idea of what I was going to do for my kids. The change has been difficult and lonely. Having you guys around makes our Christmas day memorable, Thank you!"

A mother of one living in a room with her child, barely making ends meet, thank us for giving her child the only toy she was to get during this Christmas because there was not enough money for the primary needs plus a toys.

There are many more stories as these that our volunteers experienced on their Christmas day. The help you give by participating in our project, whether riding a bike, volunteering your time or helping us with your sponsorship, it is worked and got us to touch many hearts.

Check out the attached newsletter which highlights the results of our project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reply to this message.

Thank you all for your support, 'till next time. Have a wonderful and blessed year!

Sincerely,

Angel & Karla Ledesma

Riding with Santa '19

****UPDATE****

ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR OF GROWTH!



A SPECIAL THANKS FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS.



COMMUNITIES IMPACTED



THE RIDE & TOY DRIVE

THANK YOU!



A special Thank You to our sponsors

It is with great pride that we completed our 2nd annual Riding with Santa cycling event thanks to you, our sponsors. Whether you provided your services or blessed us with your gift, we are thankful to have you.

Thank you: Lake Nona, Lake Nona Social, Nona Adventure Park, David's World Cycle, Trek, Bike SAG, Tour de Cure Lake Nona, Roman Pro Realty, Dr. Morales, Neurology One, Alternative Elevator, Tijuana Flats, Tuffy Tire

95 Cyclists showed up on Sunday the 8th to ride either 70, 50 or 25 miles.
Another 20 riders made part of our first family ride.

& Auto Service, J.P. Capital Realty, XL Soccer World, Ernie Trucking and L'Osos Cycling team.

Your contribution helped us reach 235 kids on Christmas day.

A huge thanks to all the riders and volunteers

We are thrilled to see many new faces join this project and many of the same wonderful people return to support us; both on their bikes or helping in managing this event. Your contribution to this project speaks volumes.

Whether you participated from the Family Ride on the 7th of December or on the 8th of December in one of the three routes meant to push your limits, we want to thank you all for your support!

Save the date!

We are looking forward to our 3rd Annual Riding with Santa; both the family ride & the adult ride.

The tentative date for our 3rd annual ride is December 13th, 2020. This day we will host the adult ride during the early hours of the morning followed by an early lunch upon this groups' return. Then, we will prepare to host the family ride during the early afternoon hours having this group back by sunset and ready to enjoy some well deserved goodies and more pictures with Santa.

Can we count on you in December?

We are thrilled to see how much we continue to grow which in turn means more children we get to bless on Christmas day. We cannot do this without any of you. Whether you're a rider, a volunteer or a sponsor. The truth is, we are one team pushing forward towards one same goal and that is to put a smile on a child's face and a sense of gratitude towards others.

Why Christmas day?

In the words for who this very day we celebrate "quote: greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13)

The American Magazine (vol. 28 / 1889) once wrote "quote: to give one's very self- to think only of others - how to bring the greatest happiness to others - that is the true meaning of Christmas."

3 Communities impacted



- Meadow Woods Elementary School was the beginning of a wonderful Christmas day. 35 Children showed up to see Santa on Christmas Day.
- 56 toys went to McCoy Elementary School.
- 144 toys donated to kids living in Star Motel & Lake Cecile Inn Suites on 192.