



County of St. Paul

Dear Sir or Madam,

If you're like me you likely wish you had a second chance at any given circumstance or situation in life. Receiving an Organ Transplant is just that: A Second Chance.

I'd like to introduce you to the 2nd Chance Trail Ride. We hold an annual trail ride the second weekend of May each year— Our 5th annual ride will take place on May 14, 2016 and welcomes horse and riders and wagon drivers! The ride will take place on the Historic Iron Horse Trail from Lindbergh, AB to Heinsburg, AB with a lunch provided at Middle Creek along the trail. Following the trail ride there will be supper along with entertainment and a live/silent auction.

Our non-profit organization was born just under five years ago after five likeminded individuals received a double lung transplant. This crew of gentlemen wanted to create an organization that promoted Organ and Tissue Donation as well as a community to assist individuals going through the transplant recipient process. Our organization and event's purpose is to encourage organ and tissue donations, give thanks to those who have donated and support individuals going the transplant journey.

We have had great success in the past four years! We have held four trial rides that recognized and thanked individuals who gave the greatest gift (Organ & Tissue Donation), celebrated the individuals going through or those who have gone through the Transplant process, promoted Organ & Tissue Donation, as well as created an assistance program for Transplant recipients. Through our campaign to raise awareness for Organ and Tissue Donation we have placed signs along local roadways (Ferguson Flats & La Corey) as well as in local hockey and curling arenas. We have attended parades to spread our message that Organ Donation works. We have created a community that promotes conversation between organ donation recipients and those going through the transplant process. Our financial assistance program helps recipients with fuel and grocery cards as well as cash to help cover the expenses incurred while journeying through the transplant process. We have assisted in the opening of two apartments for individuals to stay during their transplant recovery.

We are pleased with our past successes but in order to continue with our financial obligations to maintain the apartments and assist with financial aid, we need help from businesses and individuals. Our goal for our 2016 ride is \$70000 with the cost of the event being approximately \$10000. A monetary donation would be greatly appreciated to help reach this goal.

Should you have any questions, or want to hear more about Organ & Tissue Donation, do not hesitate to contact one of our committee members. I'm sure they'd love to share their Organ Transplant story with you.

Funding or 2 loads of gravel.

Sincerely,

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Pre-Registration & Camping

Early Registration is available on May 13, 2016 from 6:00 PM–8:00 PM in Heinsburg at the end point of the trail ride. There is overnight camping available here, at the Heinsburg Water Tower. Stalls with power hook ups are \$20/night and no powered camping is \$15/ night. Cheques can be made out to Heinsburg Community Club.

Trailer Transportation

We will have transportation available from 9:45 to 10:30 from Heinsburg to Lindbergh so your truck can be ready for you at the end of the trail ride. There are hitching rails to tie horses during the move. Please have someone to watch your horses while you move your truck and trailer. Should you miss the bussing opportunity discuss with the parking coordinators having someone drive your truck and trailer to Heinsburg.

Morning Registration

There will be coffee and muffins available during registration. **Each individual partaking in the ride is required to fill out a participant waiver.** This includes even those riding on a wagon! This also helps us get a solid count on how many people are partaking in the ride! Registration takes place in the cookhouse in Lindbergh at the hitching area of the Iron Horse Trail. There is a riders fee of \$30 for each individual participating in the trail ride, the riders fee will be waived should you collect more than \$30 in pledges.

If you have any questions about our event or would like to take part in our trail ride please contact one of our committee members:

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To purchase supper tickets in advance please contact:

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If you would like to donate to our Silent or Live Auction please contact:

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Fifth Annual

2nd CHANCE



TRAIL RIDE

May 14, 2016

Travel the historic Iron Horse Trail from Lindbergh to Heinsburg with us on horse or wagon as we raise Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness and support those going through the organ transplant process. Join us as we thank those who have given the gift of life.

If you had the opportunity to save someone's life wouldn't you? Becoming an Organ & Tissue donor is exactly that! It is the opportunity to save a life. Our organization was created in 2012 with the mission of increasing organ & tissue donation awareness as well as provided support for individuals going through the transplant process.



Our past events have seen great success with the opening of two apartments for recipients to stay during their recovery that is across the street from the U of A Hospital, this was done in joint with the Good Hearts Foundation. We also donated funds for the Canadian Transplant games. Together with the Canadian Transplant Organization This past year we launched a signage program placing signs along major roadways, and in hockey and curling rinks across northern Alberta.

Last year's event was a huge success with 261 horseback/wagon riders and the raising of \$70,000!

Schedule

8:30 AM–10:00 AM Registration at the Lindbergh hitching station.

11:00 AM Ride begins. Lunch will be provided at Middle Creek.

4:30 PM Hall Doors Open. Come on in and start the bidding on our Silent Auction Items

5:30 PM Catered Supper. Tickets are \$25.00

Only 400 Supper tickets available!

Dance, with Silent and Live Auctions with a Live band to follow.

After 7:00 PM \$10 admission fee for Dance and Silent and Live Auction only. (Dependent on Hall capacity)



Our fundraising efforts this year will be split 50-20-20-10.

50% of funds raised will go towards our ongoing work with the Good Hearts Foundation to maintain the rental of apartments for individuals going through the transplant process. These apartments are just a walk across the street from the Hospital and provide a homey comfortable environment for healing.

We are continuing our signage campaign by putting signs in hockey rinks, curling rinks, and other public venues in communities to raise Awareness of Organ and Tissue Donation. It is our goal to ensure that individuals understand the importance of signing your organ donor card, or registering as an organ donor but most importantly the necessity of talking to your family about your wishes.

20% of proceeds will go towards individuals going through the transplant process. Gift visas, parking passes, and gas cards will greatly help families with the negate some costs of the transplant process.

The remaining 10% will be used to put on next years event.

We thank everyone who donates to our cause, big or small, every bit counts!

