

Bend bicyclist to ride 545 miles in 7 days to fight AIDS

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Megan Minkiewicz to Join 2,500 Participants in San Francisco to Los Angeles Bike Ride; AIDS/LifeCycle Will Raise Record \$9 Million to Fight AIDS

BEND, Ore. — Local resident Megan Minkiewicz will be among the more than 2,500 cyclists and volunteer roadies in the annual AIDS/LifeCycle, a seven-day, 545-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles that will raise a record \$9 million for HIV/AIDS services and heighten AIDS awareness throughout the state.

The traveling city of riders, including Ms. Minkiewicz will begin the journey in San Francisco on June 3rd, and ending in Los Angeles on June 9.

This year marks the sixth time AIDS/LifeCycle has mobilized hundreds of volunteers to raise millions of dollars for HIV/AIDS services. Local events in cities along the route during the week of the ride will emphasize AIDS education, testing and prevention.

“This will be my third time participating in the AIDS/LifeCycle” says Ms. Minkiewicz, “I would like nothing more than for the children in my life and worldwide to grow up in a world without HIV/AIDS.”

In the last five years, AIDS/LifeCycle has raised more than \$27 million for HIV/AIDS services for the event’s beneficiaries and producers, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, to provide much-needed services to people with HIV and AIDS. No other event raises more money for HIV/AIDS services and prevention.

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