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Colorado Man Will Ride 2,000 Miles In A Race To Fight Cancer

Denver, CO, February 18, 2008 —One day last year, life got complicated for Chet Andes. Within a few months of each other, his great-grandfather, grandfather, and mother were all diagnosed with some form of cancer. As the illnesses in his family started to manifest themselves, Chet had an idea. Chet grew up in Denver, Pennsylvania. He now lives just outside Denver, Colorado. His idea: to ride from Denver to Denver, while along the way raising awareness and money for cancer research. Chet will embark on the 2,000-mile bike ride on June 4, 2008.

Chet is a teacher at Evergreen Middle School in Colorado and an avid cyclist. He founded Denver2Denver.org and has been training with Optimize Endurance Services for over a year in preparation for his journey. With the help of Lance Armstrong's LIVESTRONG Foundation and a few wayward friends Chet is beginning to amass a following.

“The minute you meet Chet, you realize what your science teacher was talking about when she lectured on perpetual motion,” says JR Dunn, 8th grade Language Arts, Evergreen Middle School. “Whether it be at school, where he is a Tech Ed. teacher and one of the finest educators I have *ever* worked with, or at home, Chet is religiously operating with an objective in mind.”

Chet's final goal is to raise \$100,000, which would be among the most a LIVESTRONG Foundation grassroots organization has raised. His ride will follow Highway 6 from Denver, Colorado to Denver, Pennsylvania with an arrival goal of July 4, 2008. Along the way he will promote awareness of cancer, how it is treated and the importance of testing and early diagnosis. Others are encouraged to join him on any portion of the ride.

Denver2Denver was founded in support of Chet Andes' Denver-to-Denver ride. His ride is part of the Lance Armstrong Foundation Grassroots projects and all funds raised will go directly towards research dedicated to the prevention of cancer. For further information, please contact Gary Dunn at 303.989.2970 or visit Denver2Denver.org.

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