



Mid America MS Achievement Center News

Race, Not Participation, Goes South

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It may have taken place at a new location, but the Mid America MS Achievement Center's 5th Annual Race to Nowhere didn't have a problem drawing enthusiastic bikers from around the Kansas City metropolitan area. On February 22, 2003, the Race to Nowhere moved from Mission Center to Galyan's, located in Town Center Plaza at the corner of 119th and Nall, with the same purpose – to raise funds to benefit the Mid America MS Achievement Center.

As in past years, the Race to Nowhere takes place entirely on a stationary bike, and is open to individuals or teams of 5 cyclists. Three groups of five people compete simultaneously at individual stations, and cycle as hard and as fast as they can for thirty minutes – at the end of which mileage is calculated. At the end of the day, the team and individuals with the best overall mileage were honored as the winners of the race. Prizes were awarded to the top male, female and team in each of three different levels: advanced, intermediate and novice.



This year, the winners of the 5th Annual Race to Nowhere were:

TEAM WINNERS :

Advanced Team.....THE DEMON SPRINTERS

Intermediate Team.....THE FLY GIRLS

Novice Team.....THE MOBILE MEDICALS

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS:

Advanced Male.....GARRETT LINGENFELTER

Female.....AMBER MOUNDAY

Intermediate Male.....BOB CROWELL

Female.....DENISE SAVER

Novice Male.....PAUL GAMBLE

Female.....NANCY ZOELLER



More individuals than ever participated in the event this year, which raised financial support to help provide those with MS a financial means to attend the Center. “We are very pleased with the level of participation that we saw at this year’s event, and are very grateful for the funds raised to help the center,” says Sharon Simms, Coordinator of the Mid America MS Achievement Center. “At next year’s event, we are going to focus on collecting prizes that are more pertinent to the abilities of the participants racing, along with a continued focus on developing more corporate sponsors. By doing this, we feel that we can raise the level of awareness for the race as well as collect even more money for this worthy cause.”



The date of the 6th Annual Race to Nowhere is yet to be determined. However, the next fundraiser benefiting the MS Achievement Center will be the **2nd Annual Music for Movement** concert, which will be held on **Saturday, November 22** at the Community Christian Church, located just east of the Country Club Plaza. For more information on the race or the concert, please call (913) **962-6789**, or go to **www.msachievement.org**

