



A great ride for cyclists of all skill levels promoting the beauty and charm of DeWitt County

May 11, 2020

To our friends and riders of Tour deWitt,

After much consideration and placing our normal emphasis on rider safety, we have decided that due to all the uncertainty surrounding the current COVID-19 situation we must cancel this year's event. This was a terribly difficult decision to make, and we delayed the decision as long as possible to gather as much information as we could, but ultimately feel this is in everyone's best interest. We will always place our rider's and our volunteers' safety and well-being above all else. You are all far too important to us for us to do anything else.

That said, a large reason we do this ride in the first place is to raise money to help support the Child Protection Network (CPN), a group that provides assistance to children who suffer from abuse in DeWitt, McLean, and Livingston counties. The reality is that this pandemic has created an environment that actually subjects at risk children to a much higher risk of abuse, with little or no way out. Unfortunately experts predict potentially higher numbers of abused children than ever! They need our help now more than ever! Several of our awesome sponsors have agreed to have their money donated directly to CPN this year to help; Exelon, Marco NPK, State Bank of Lincoln, and Clinton Family Dental (others are being contacted as we speak). How about you? Would you please consider helping too?

If so, please send your check made out to Tour deWitt from now through the end of June to: Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, 100 South Center Street Suite 101, Clinton, Illinois, 61727. Our registration fee has been \$25.00 in the past, but we'll accept any amount; nothing is too big or too small and everything we raise will go directly to help abused children. Over the past years we have raised thousands of dollars to help these kids; let's not let a pandemic stop us from helping them again this year. Thank you for reading this, and your support (past, current, and future). God willing, we'll be back next year on June 26, 2021 bigger and better than ever. Can't wait to see you all again! Until then stay safe, stay healthy, and get out there and ride when you can.

Sincerely,

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