

Interview with Mary Wright

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Q: What was your thought process in choosing a bike ride to spread awareness, as opposed to a different event?

A: I saw publicity that people could see from cycling. We were staying at parishes and being fed by parishioners- it was a way to cover more people, we were covering so many states and so many dioceses that it just got CCHD known more widely.

Q: What surprised you during the ride?

A: The biggest surprise was that the riders were 20 of the greatest people I'd ever met. Nobody complained. [I was also surprised by] the extent of the publicity [and] the weather - there was only one day of rain.

Q: What motivated you, not only to organize the ride, but to participate in it yourself?

A: I cannot underestimate how much I love CCHD and the gift that I was given of meeting people that I would have never met: people who have had to struggle in ways I have never struggled. I wanted to do what I could to make sure more people know about CCHD.

Q: Cycling is a very solitary activity. What was the spiritual experience of riding for so many hours a day?

A: The kindness and love [were] what never left me. The graciousness of these 20 people who really believed in what we were doing.