

Dear Family and Friends,

Fund Raising Summary and Thank You!

The 2022 Ride for the Puppies Team wants to reach out through this mailing to all of you and give you our heartfelt thanks for helping support The Seeing Eye, Inc. again this year. Your contributions and moral support were so important to us as we rode across Ohio bringing awareness to people we met and significant funds to the foundation! Our combined total money raised this year is just shy of \$23,000!

Over the past four years through four endurance events, our captain, Jim, with support from the 2022 bike team and previous years' teams, has raised just over \$75,000 for The Seeing Eye in loving memory of John Freiss, Jim's brother. We are so proud and fortunate to have such compassionate, loving, and generous people in our lives. It's amazing to have raised all of this money for such a great cause!

Trip Report for 2022 – Cincinnati, OH to Cleveland, OH

This year, we grew the team a little from the year before and successfully biked our way from southern to northern Ohio. On August 13th, Bill Ude, David DuBois, Jay Ratto, Victor Fassano, Barbara McCoy, Bill Bailey, Jim Freiss, and Glenn Morse saddled up and began the 410-mile journey in downtown Cincinnati. This year, to greatly simplify our logistics, we invited a couple of great friends, Kevin Greene and Joe Ratti, to be our support team and drivers. So, the total team grew to ten for 2022! The course we took this year was primarily on a regional bike trail system called the Ohio to Erie Trail (OTET). We added a few detours to the 350-mile standard course by riding some other trails in the Dayton and Canton areas but the primary route was the OTET.

We rode well with only a few minor incidents and enjoyed the great weather and comradery. There were laughs and a few tears when Jim would bring up his brother, what he meant to him, and his connection to The Seeing Eye as well.

You know it's a good trip when before it is over we are making plans for where we will ride for the Puppies next year!

Some trip highlights in photos:



The start to the ride in Cincinnati. The tradition is to dip your tires in the Ohio River under the Roebling expansion bridge. Who are we to argue with tradition!



The team ready to start the long trip across Ohio!



The peloton on the move!
Beautiful rails-to-trails route and perfect weather all week! Jerseys (if you look at the sleeve) were made in honor and thanks our biggest charitable contributor MOWI!



This photo speaks for itself! One of many beautiful sunrises riding for the puppies at the Seeing Eye in loving memory of Jim's brother John



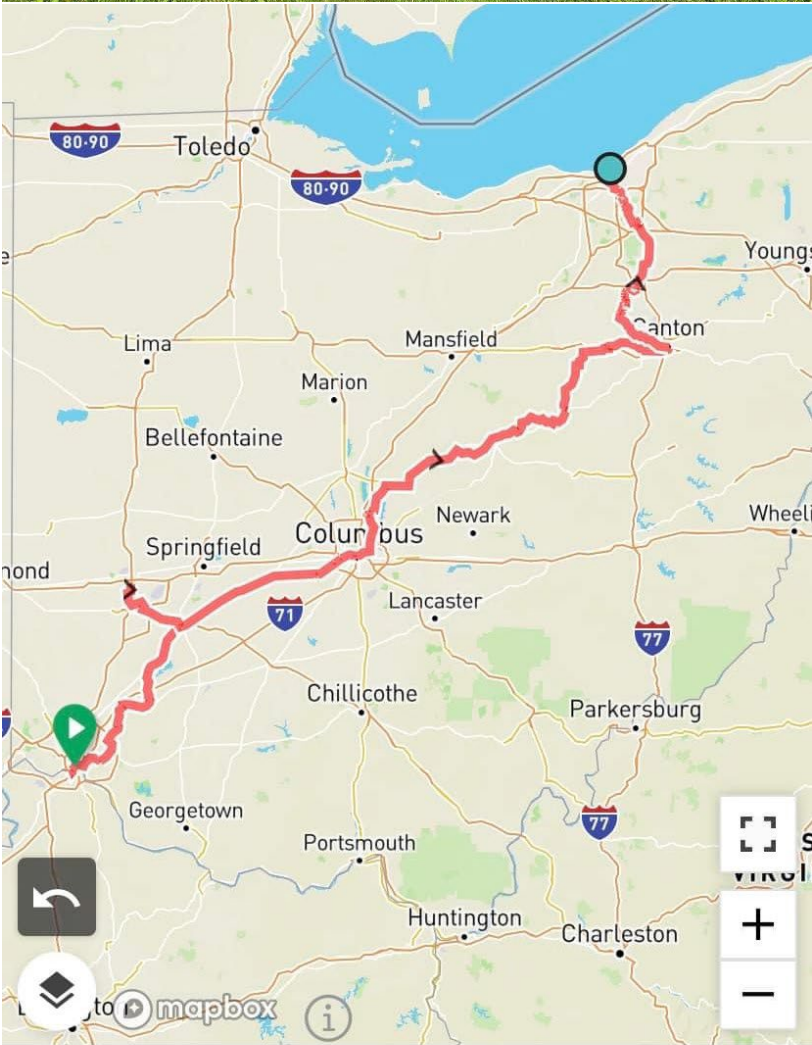
One of many beautiful antique structures along our route.



These are but two of the very nice folks we met along the way!



After many miles of rail trails we loved the old canal trails near the end of the ride



Cincinnati to Cleveland with detours to Dayton and Canton for good measure! We saw a lot of Ohio!

409.4mi · 9,200ft
96% paved
4% unpaved



At the End!
Dipping our tires
in Lake Erie.
Another
tradition that we
certainly were
not going to
deviate from!