

**225 PARTICIPANTS RODE 1,500 MILES TO RAISE FUNDS TO SEND KIDS WITH CHRONIC MEDICAL ILLNESSES TO CAMP AT VICTORY JUNCTION**

The Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America raised more than \$1.8 million after finally completing its 26th Anniversary Ride, following two postponements due to the Covid-19 pandemic—the most funds raised during a single Ride since 2006.

Funds raised directly benefit Victory Junction, a camp in Randleman, North Carolina, servicing children with chronic and serious medical illnesses,

supporting summer camperships, building projects and maintenance programs, including upkeep of the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Water Park.

The Ride started and ended in Phoenix, the first time it has started and ended in the same city.

Former NASCAR driver and NBC Sports racing analyst Kyle Petty led 225 participants on one of the Ride's most scenic routes ever. On April 30, Petty and the riders left Phoenix, riding more than 1,500 miles through Arizona and Utah over seven days before returning to Phoenix on May 6.

Celebrity riders on this year's event included NASCAR Hall of Famer and seven-time champion Richard Petty; upcoming Class of 2023 NASCAR

Hall of Fame Inductee Hershel McGriff, NASCAR legends Harry Gant and Ken Schrader, current NASCAR Cup Series driver Erik Jones, and NBC Sports NASCAR personality Rick Allen.

"After being sidelined for nearly three years due to COVID, we were eager to get back on the road and get back to doing what we love," said Petty. "I was completely blown away by the excitement seen amongst our Riders and fans all along the route. We saw some of the most beautiful scenery this country has to offer, met some amazing people and experienced so many incredible bucket list places. But most importantly, we reignited our passion for riding and raising funds

for the kids at Victory Junction...that's what it's always been about!"

Fans came from miles around to welcome the Ride all along the route, meeting celebrity participants and supporting the cause. Multiple mayors made appearances, presenting proclamations and/or keys to the city. In addition, the Ride was honored to meet members of the Hualapai Tribal Council and Navajo Nation Tribal Council in Peach Springs and Cameron, Arizona.

Other highlights included a Wild West staged shootout in Oatman, riding historic Route 66, visiting Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon National Parks, the entire student body of Monument Valley High School lining the streets to cheer on the Ride in Monument Valley, Utah, Jeep tours through Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, lapping the track (twice) at Phoenix Raceway, and more.

Funds were gathered from fans along the route, as part of the Ride's "Small Change. Big Impact." program, with donations also from generous sponsors, organizations and the riders themselves.

Victory Junction has served as the Ride's primary beneficiary since its establishment by Petty and his family in 2004, in honor of his late son Adam. Since 1995, 8,875 riders have logged nearly 12.6 million cumulative motorcycle miles and raised more than \$20 million for Victory Junction and other children's charities.

For more coverage of the journey, see Facebook (kpcharityride and kylepetty45), Instagram (kpcharityride and kylepetty) and Twitter (kpcharityride and kylepetty). For more information about the Ride or to donate, visit [www.kylepettycharityride.com](http://www.kylepettycharityride.com). To learn more about Victory Junction, visit [www.victoryjunction.org](http://www.victoryjunction.org). ■

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