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Sanpete County Hosts Second Annual 'Bike for the Cure' Ride Through Spring City

Sanpete County will host the second "Bike for the Cure," a family-oriented event aimed at raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research on Saturday, June 16.

The now annual event was started by Ephraim resident Erika Stover and her best friend, Melanie Wathen last year as a way to honor Stover's mother, Susan Sermersheim, who died of breast cancer after a five-year battle.

"My mother loved Spring City," Stover says. "She and my stepfather used to come down from Springville just about every Sunday and just drive around looking at the old houses. She loved the history of the area." Stover, who has three young daughters of her own, said a bike race was the perfect way to honor her mother, who was an advocate for finding a cure for breast cancer, and to raise awareness of the need for research. "We encourage cyclists of all ages and skill levels to come out and take part, as well as anyone who has been touched by breast cancer," Stover says.

All proceeds from the non-profit event will go to Breast Cancer 3-Day, benefiting the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which is dedicated to help finding a cure for breast cancer.

Cyclists can choose from among three rides: 5.5 miles; 42 miles; and 58 miles. The shorter ride includes a tour of Spring City's historical homes. "It's perfect for families," Stover says. That ride begins at 9 a.m., and people should meet at 150 E. Center Street in Spring City. Cost is \$30.

The longer rides will begin at 7:30 a.m. from the same location. Cost for the longer rides is \$40. Registration fees for all three rides include lunch and a T-shirt.

Registration is available online at on www.active.com. (search for "Bike for the Cure" under upcoming events). Registration forms are also available by contacting Erika Stover at 435-283-2158. Additional registration forms can be found at local bike shops throughout Utah. Registration is also available the day of the event.

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