



TEAM WILL BREAKAWAY NEWSLETTER

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Hero Spotlight

On September 17, 2008, Samantha Rose "Sammy" Rotman lost her battle with cancer at the age of 9 at home after a 2-year battle with osteosarcoma. Sammy was an amazing, courageous, and inspirational little girl who woke up every day with a smile on her face and a song on her lips (usually Natasha Bedingfield, Pink or Sugarland). She had an extraordinary sense of humor which was both playful and endearing. Quite simply, Sammy was a "shooting star." Sammy loved her friends, family (especially her big sister "Becca," who she thought was "the coolest") and her many pets. She will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

Go the Distance 2012 Update

The route will be from San Francisco, CA, to Boston, MA, tentatively Sunday, June 24, through Tuesday, July 3, 2012. The current plan is to go with a 24/7 relay format similar to 2006/2008 rides.

2011 Epic Challenge

Save the date! Saturday, September 24, 2011 - 3300 miles of cycling in one day. Details to follow.

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Welcome to **Team Will's Breakaway**, an electronic newsletter to update you on Team Will's activities and programs. Team Will is a community of volunteers who share the joy of cycling.

Our goal is to raise awareness for children with cancer and their families, to advocate for their needs, and to support research so every child can survive and lead a long and healthy life.

Cyclists of all skill levels and ages across the country have joined Team Will and are promoting a community that imparts a coherent, credible voice to educating society about childhood cancer through various cycling activities and partnering with organizations to provide resources to families affected by childhood cancer.

International Film Trailer Festival



Team Will needs your help! The "Go the Distance" film trailer has been entered in the **International Film Trailer** festival. Please visit the link and vote for the trailer. If it wins the "Fan Appreciation Award (\$1000)," Timeline Media Productions will donate a portion of the prize money to Team Will. Currently the trailer is in first place and voting ends at the end of May....every vote counts!

<https://www.internationalmovietrailerfestival.com/index.php?p=trailers>

Team Will Art Exhibit

The Team Will's "Go the Distance" Art Exhibition and Auction will take place during the month of May in downtown Sacramento. This is a full month of activities, including the well-known Amgen Tour of California. Patris Studio will be providing riding models for artists, with art instructor support from the San Juan Unified School District along with local community support.

The opening of the art exhibit will be at Patris Studio at S12 (1200 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95814) on Friday, May 13, from 6-9 pm. Proceeds from the sale of the exhibited artwork will provide support to families who have suffered great financial loss and emotional hardship during their child's cancer treatment, recovery, or unfortunate passing away.

Please visit <http://team-will.org> and <http://artist-patris.com> for more information.

Trip to UC Davis Children's Hospital



On Friday, April 15, 2011, four members of Team Will went to visit the children in the pediatric center at UCD Med Center in Sacramento, CA. The visit coincided with a local radio station's (101.9) radio-thon at the hospital and TW board member John Depew was interviewed on air.

Three members of the team rode from Intel in Folsom to the hospital and were met by the fourth member. The team spent time in the play center doing puzzles and drawing pictures along with playing foosball and visiting a couple rooms. A great time was had by all. The team hopes to schedule another visit in the next few months or so.

SammyRides Update!

The SammyRides cyclists have made their way from Arizona, through New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and finally to Florida. They will reach their final destination, Sun City Center, by the end of April (just a few days from now!). Sun City Center has planned several large celebrations that are in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the city built by Dell Webb.

The cyclists have had a chance to see many things and visit several hospitals along the way. For a more detailed look at their travels, please visit their blog at <http://sammyrides.blogspot.com/>.

Team Will Heroes

A Team Will Hero is someone who does something extraordinary in an extraordinary circumstance. These Team Will heroes have done just that, something extraordinary; they have inspired everyone they meet with their courage and bravery in the face of extreme challenges as they battle for their lives. For this they are Team Will Heroes and we will never forget them. [Click Here](#) for a complete list of all Team Will's Heroes.

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