

## **Pee Dee Pastoral Counseling**

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Dear Friends,

I am writing to share with you that Pee Dee Pastoral Counseling is sponsoring a charity bicycle ride to benefit the House of Hope of the Pee Dee. As you know the House of Hope plays a strategic role in the lives of many men, women and children. They provide shelter, meals, and social services that help many people get back on their feet. But the House of Hope is not just a residence; it is a place to find spiritual hope.

Since moving to Florence, Peggy and I have learned to appreciate this ministry and have often made donations of clothing. I am happy now to contribute in a more dedicated effort by sponsoring the "Ride for Hope." During the last week of June, my son Jesse and I will be circumnavigating the state of South Carolina on our bicycles to call attention to this important ministry. We are writing to solicit your participation as a sponsor of our ride. Would you take a few moments to consider our invitation to get involved?

On Sunday afternoon, June 27, we will be starting our week-long journey at the intersection of Highway 95 and Route 9 and plan to travel around South Carolina as close to the borders as possible. Our path will take us westward to Pageland, Lancaster, Fort Mill and Gaffney. We will ride Highway 11 across the piedmont region of the state, turning southward to Westminster. We will travel around Anderson and toward North Augusta and then south to Hwy 17. The final leg of the trip will be from Charleston up the coast to Little River and then back up Highway 9 to Dillon. We hope to complete the 740 mile trip by Saturday, July 3. A map of our projected path is on the reverse side of this letter.

We are excited about our trip and are aware that many things could go wrong. It is an ambitious quest for such a short time. As we attempt this trip, we will be riding with the appreciation for all the blessings we enjoy in life and feel that the best way to show our gratitude to God is to ride for others who have had to struggle.

We would love for you to sponsor us by making a pledge to the House of Hope. The House of Hope has provided a response card for your use. You may complete it and mail it back to them. Following the ride they will e-mail you with the results of our trip and you may at that time respond to your pledge. Thank you in advance for making this effort successful.

Please feel free to share this opportunity with others.

Blessings to you and have a wonderful summer.

James Braswell

# Ride for Hope Route

