## MS BikeTour to start and end in Acton's Prospect Park this weekend

An expected 175 cyclists will ride through Wellington, Waterloo and Halton Regions on Saturday, August 17 as part of the 2013 MS Bike, North America's largest cycling series. MS Bike-Acton is Ontario's longest running MS Bike tour, and this year, participants can choose to cycle 75 km or complete a century loop—160 km.

It's not too late to register to ride, or volunteer at MS Bike-Acton, for more information call 416-967-3038 or visit ms-bike.ca

"I love to cycle, and combining that with fundraising for a great cause makes the experience much more satisfy-

ing," says Jack Dawson, who has raised \$40,000 for people living with multiple sclerosis since first participating in MS Bike 24 years ago. "

Being 'number one' is nice," says Jack, who was the top fundraiser at the 2012 MS Bike-Acton to Waterloo, "but, if I raised the same amount of money and ended up at number 25, that would mean that 24 people would have raised even more than me and that would make the event an even greater success

in raising money for people with this disease."

Mary, who lives with MS, shares the impact that funding has had on her life: "Financial assistance for me to purchase a wheelchair has made an immediate difference in my life, and will continue to assist me in the months and years to come. The support provided to those in need is much

appreciated and will not be forgotten."

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the brain and spinal cord that affects 100,000 Canadians. It is the most common neurological disease of young adults in

Canada and three Canadians are diagnosed with the illness every day. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40, and the unpredictable effects of MS last for the rest of their lives.

MS Bike is a pledge-based fundraising event that provides Canadians with the opportunity to ride through scenic and often spectacular parts of the country. For more information about MS Bike visit msbike.ca.



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