## Motorcycles here during cross-Canada trek

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A handful of motorcycle riders going across Canada, raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society, will make a pit stop in Stouffville Saturday.

The MAC Rally of Hope riders will make their way to the Memorial Park pavilion for a community event that runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., before continuing on their journey.

"They have to come through Ontario anyway. It just makes sense for them to stop here," said Maria Troiani, the local event organizer and a mortgage agent with Mortgage Alliance.

The riders are from the mortgage com-

"I wanted to show off Stouffville's spirit," Troiani said of why she got the riders to come through Stouffville during their 13-day trek from Vancouver to St. John's, Newfoundland.

A number of events for the community will take place during the pit stop, including people cutting their hair so it can be donated to Locks of Love and Angel Hair.

Also on the agenda for Saturday is a barbecue served up by the Stouffville Lions, an ice cream truck, face painting, hair stenciling, a cartoonist, photo booth, massage booth, dunk tank and hot air balloon

People will also be able to take part in cancer ribbon cookie decorating and a

All proceeds from the event will go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Entertainment will be provided by the four-piece band Whatever Sticks, local singer Lloyd Knight, as well as George Pantelis and Lucas DiPasquale.

There is a core group of four riders making the journey across Canada. Along the way, other riders will join them for a few days, according to Troiani.

The riders are covering all of their own expenses, including the \$800 fee to transport each motorcycle out west, she said.

The fundraising goal for this year's cross-Canada rally is \$160,000.

During the past six years, the trek has raised almost \$600,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society, according to Troiani.



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Maria Troiani is promoting Saturday's cancer society fundraiser in Stouffville Memorial Park.





