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## **These 11 Darienites to Ride in 192-Mile Pan-Mass Cycling Event**

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On Aug. 5 and 6, 11 riders from Darien will cycle up to 192 miles in the [Pan-Mass Challenge](#) (PMC), an event trying to raise \$48 million for research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

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During PMC weekend, more than 6,200 cyclists from more than 40 states and eight countries will return to Massachusetts to participate in the PMC, choosing from 12 routes of varying mileage that run through 46 towns.

Many riders participate in the PMC to honor a family member or friend lost to, or being treated for, cancer. More than 600 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients, considered “Living Proof” of the PMC mission to find a cure.

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*— an announcement from the Pan-Mass Challenge*

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The average cyclist trains for three months, solicits 40 sponsors and raises more than \$7,000. Volunteers, spectators, donors and sponsors are part of the camaraderie on ride weekend, all working together toward a cure.

To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town or become a virtual rider, visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org), or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PanMass2017 on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

These participants are from Darien:

- **Bill Bohnsack**
- **Kara Bohnsack**
- **Anne Burleigh**
- **Jonathan Burleigh**
- **Will Brennan**
- **Perry Boyle**
- **Terry Bock**
- **Beth Crump**
- **Blair Crump**
- **Joe Garofoli**
- **Steve Wiggins**

PMC Cyclists are anywhere between 15 and 84-years-old and range from seasoned triathletes to weekend warriors who trained for this event alone and everything in between.

No other single athletic event raises or contributes more money to charity than the PMC.

Since 1980, the PMC has raised \$547 million dollars for Dana-Farber through the Jimmy Fund, its fundraising arm. In fact, the PMC is Dana-Farber's largest single contributor, raising more than 52 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue.

**About the Pan-Mass Challenge**

The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is an annual bike-a-thon founded in 1980 by Billy Starr, who remains the event's executive director, an annual cyclist, and a fundraiser.

The PMC has since raised \$547 million for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. The event donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the cause.

The PMC generates more than 52 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue and is Dana-Farber's single largest contributor. The PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors.

All are essential to the PMC's goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. The PMC's hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information on the Pan-Mass Challenge, log onto [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org).