

A MESSAGE TO OUR AIDS/LIFECYCLE FAMILY

If 2020 was a typical year for AIDS/LifeCycle, fundraising would be in full swing and we would be getting ready for our Mid-October kick off rides. However, **this year has been anything but typical.** The hard truth is that because of the continued state of the pandemic, we will not be riding AIDS/LifeCycle in June of 2021.

We understand this is disappointing news, but we simply cannot put the thousands who participate every year at risk. We have looked at every possible way to continue the Ride, but because of the uncertainty that lies ahead, this is what we must do to ensure you and our vibrant community are kept safe. This is not a decision we've taken lightly, and we are extremely heartbroken that we cannot ride and fight together in the same way we have for so many years. We will get back to the AIDS/LifeCycle we all know and love when it's safe to do so in the future.

Until then, **let's grab life by the handlebars and keep our mission moving forward!**

Our mission of ending AIDS and caring for people with HIV/AIDS is too important to wait until we can return to AIDS/LifeCycle as we know it (which we fervently hope will be in 2022). The truth is, inaction for an entire year would put life-saving programs—and the lives of our clients—at risk. None of us wants that.

The time to keep fighting is now and we are putting the final touches on a new, epic challenge that meets safety standards and will ensure our community has a platform on which to unite and raise the funds that enable our agencies to support this community. **More than ever, we need you, and we need the support, passion, and commitment the AIDS/LifeCycle community has always brought to our mission.**

While this has been difficult news to deliver, there is so much we are excited to tell you about. **We will roll out all of the details on October 22 – RSVP today for your special invitation!** In the meantime, we know that many of you are eager to start fundraising and we are so grateful for that. If you choose to do so, fundraising is open through your AIDS/LifeCycle 2021 fundraising page and will be carried with you into our new adventure.

This new challenge will allow us to do what we do best - celebrate, support, and fight for one another to ultimately END AIDS.

Warmly,
The AIDS/LifeCycle Team