



MIDNIGHT MYSTERY RIDE

MMR for LEO

We're riding for Leo

And I'm raising funds to help Leo.

At age 12, Portlander Leo Westwind knows more about liver disease than most of us ever will. Just a few weeks after he was born, Leo was diagnosed with Alagille Syndrome*, a genetic disease that primarily affects the liver. As a result, he cannot digest fats and has trouble assimilating fat-soluble vitamins, putting him at constant risk of malnutrition.

Despite all this, and a round of hospitalizations as an infant, his health slowly improved, and for over a decade he led an active life that included exploring Oregon's wilderness, learning gymnastics and rock climbing, earning a blue belt in Taekwon Do and enthusiastically participating in Portland's bike culture.

Because Leo loves Portland's bike culture, we love Leo. We're concerned about the financial burden of medical bills that his family is facing, and we want to do what we can to help.

Every MMR since 2003, a different person has led the ride. This one single person has taken groups as large as 300 (no joke) on an amazing adventure every single month. We know the power of one. We know that you can be the one to make a difference. That's why we're asking you to participate in MMR for Leo.

Join us on our famous Anniversary Ride in February to celebrate with us the illustrious Leo.

Make checks payable to Kyr Westwind, Leo's mom

MORE INFO

This year Leo's health began deteriorating; currently he is on bed rest, and sleeps much of the time; he can not walk unaided, and he is experiencing a great deal of joint pain and body aches. His parents and primary care doctors were determined to find the best possible care for Leo, and after much research, sought treatment at Seattle Children's Hospital. The specialists in Seattle are cautiously optimistic about their ability to treat Leo, but that treatment is very expensive, as is the travel back and forth from Portland. The family already owes thousands of dollars for treatment Leo received in Seattle this spring, and now are facing the possibility of needing to pay for a liver transplant, which would cost approximately \$300,000. Even if Leo does not end up needing a transplant, his ongoing treatment and care will be catastrophically expensive.