

Ride to Conquer Cancer was a two day ride from Vancouver to Seattle. Everyone was in high spirits for this major fundraiser which raised **over \$11 million towards cancer research in B.C** last year. Across Canada it has raised an impressive total of \$43.8 million dollars. Over the last five years The Ride to Conquer Cancer has raised over \$150 million nationwide.

The funds raised during the ride benefits the BC Cancer Foundation and supports leading clinicians, scientists, and researchers. Their discoveries and inventions impact patient outcomes in communities throughout our province, across Canada, and around the world. The research not only benefits British Columbians, but helps doctors around the world treat cancer patients. For our contribution B.C. is recognized around the world as a leader in cancer treatment and research.

The ride itself is spectacular. The route takes you through some of the more beautiful countryside northwest Washington has to offer. As if the breath taking journey from Vancouver to Seattle was not enough, this year, a new scenic route was discovered.

I had the honor of being one of the crew members who was at the last pit stop before the finish line. My day was spent with such inspiring people, those who did the ride as well as those who supported them. I met some incredible survivors and their families- to whom I would like to say, I will never forget your stories. I want to thank you for sharing them with me and inspiring me to get more involved and make a bigger difference.

If I had any regrets – there were only two. First would be that I could not stay the entire weekend – but thank you to Tara Tang for an informative evening watching the Miss America Pageant and all your wonderful advice. Sometimes things happen for a reason. The second and most important regret- I was deeply saddened to hear of the tragic accident that took the life of a rider on Sunday morning. I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to his family and friends. If there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to drop me an email.