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### **THE MILES FOR SMILES POKER RUN RAISES \$37,000 FOR CAMP HIGH HOPES**

**Sioux City, IA** – The rain and cloudy weather didn't keep dozens of bikers and generous donors from coming together to create a successful and fun event! Camp High Hopes is pleased to announce the second annual Miles for Smiles Poker Run raised more than \$37,000 for the special needs camp!

More than 100 people participated in the day or the evening activities. The 100-mile journey took riders south of Sioux City through the beautiful Loess Hills with stops in Smithland, Castana, Onawa, Whiting, and Sergeant Bluff. The ride ended with a live and silent auction, 50/50 raffle drawing, tasty food, live music, and fun at Eddie's Tavern. Items on the live and silent auction included Nebraska tickets, Vikings tickets, specialty items, concert packages, and other must-have goodies. A highlight of the evening was the 50/50 raffle drawing and the winner took home more than \$2,000. Musician, Ben Grillet, took to the mic at the end of the event to entertain the crowd with his fantastic voice.

"Miles For Smiles was once again a huge success and a lot of fun," says Chris Liberto, the Executive Director of Camp High Hopes. "Thank you to the community of supporters who volunteered and donated to such an important cause. Your generosity ensures that those facing certain challenges in life continue to have a place to call their very own at Camp High Hopes. Thank you for the smiles!"

The proceeds from Saturday's event will go directly to the programs and services Camp High Hopes provides to kids, teens, and adults with disabilities, special needs, and chronic illnesses. The money raised from the poker run will stay locally in Siouxland to help people from Siouxland with disabilities. It will pay for things like adaptive activities, updated equipment, medical supplies, transportation, and healthy meals for campers while they attend camp sessions.

Camp High Hopes offers barrier-free, recreational experiences that are fun, safe, and adaptive for children, teens, and adults with disabilities in the tri-state region. For more information on Camp High Hopes, call 712-224-2267 or visit [www.camphighhopes.com](http://www.camphighhopes.com).

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