

The 3rd annual Crusaders For the Children 'Child Empowerment Ride' took place on Sunday April 6, 2014. This was the final official ride of AZ Bike Week 2014.

Sign-in and staging were at EagleRider, at 1000 N. McClintock Dr in Tempe. Pre-ride activities included a 'meet & greet' and autograph session with Tommy Flanagan and Kim Coates, actors from the Sons of Anarchy cast. They also led the escorted ride, along with Brad Bennett of AZ Bike Week

700+ bikes participated in the ride. It departed TopSpoke Rentals in Tempe and ended at CycleFest at WestWorld in Scottsdale.

Beneficiaries of Crusaders For the Children events include children and families in need as well as several shelters including the Lighthouse Shelter.

During their events over Bike Week, C4C raises enough money for AZ Bike Week Charities and the Crusaders Charity Group to provide support to needy chil-

dren and families in the Valley through the remainder of the year. During Bike Week they host Silent and Live Auctions on Saturday, plus the ride and autograph signing on Sunday.

Crusaders For the Children wants to thank their donors and sponsors, including, "AZ Bike Week (Brad Bennett, Lisa Cyr, and Suzy Yaffee), Hot Leathers (Andy George) who always does a spectacular job on donated ride shirts, TopSpoke Rentals hosted the start of the event, Wild Bunch Catering (Jeri Lynn and Bob) cooked up the breakfast with food provided by LaCanasta Tortilla, Hickman's Eggs, and Harvest Meats. Law Tigers (Robert Moellman) provided financial support as well as ride bags for the event. GTI Golf Cars also provided transportation for our volunteers at the event." *from Kevin Rhode of C4C*

Kevin went on to say, "We would like to thank everyone who participated in the ride as well as our sponsors and donors. Without the generosity of the motorcycle

community our charities could not do what we do in the community through the rest of the year. We would never be able to put on such a great event without the help of the volunteers from the community, JFCS, and the Brotherhood Riding Club. Special thanks to AZ Bike Week who do so much in the background to make these events successful. As busy as the AZ Bike Week team is they always find time to ensure the charity events are a success for everyone involved – a really amazing team."

Learn more about the Crusaders For the Children, what they do and how you can support their efforts, by visiting their website at [www.crusadersforthechildren.com](http://www.crusadersforthechildren.com). There is also a link there to follow them on FB.

Thank you Kevin, from Crusaders For the Children, for sending details for this article.

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