

Trauma-to-Triumph Charity Poker Ride AZ Rider



The 2015 Trauma-to-Triumph Charity Poker Ride took place on Saturday October 17. Forty-seven riders participated in this inaugural run to help young girls who are victims of sexual trauma. Sign-in was at Christ Community Church in Peoria.

It was a self-paced ride. After departing CCC, stops included Starbucks on Happy Valley Rd, Fort McDowell Casino, and Jake's Corner Bar. The last stop was at the Grapevine Group Campground on Roosevelt Lake, in Tonto National Park.

There were 3 raffle winners, plus high and low-hand prizes were \$750 each. The names of the winners were unavailable at the time of this writing. The organizers wish to thank the anonymous winner who generously donated their \$750 prize back to the cause.

The beneficiary of this run is Streetlight USA, a national organization that specializes in caring for and healing child victims of sex trafficking/exploitation [from their website <http://streetlightusa.org>]. The organization also works to prevent child sex trafficking. Child sex trafficking is becoming more prevalent in our country. Once thought of as an international problem in other countries, this nightmare exists here in our own backyard.

Donations from the day totaled \$5100.

"This was a great inaugural run. Next year we hope to have 300 riders and the following year we'd like to take our ride to Washington DC." Larry Fraley, StreetLightUSA Founder.

Next year's event has been scheduled for Saturday October 29, 2016. Details will be posted to our calendar as they become available.

Thanks go out to these sponsors for their support of this run: Arizona Coyotes Foundation, Christ's Church of the Valley, Fort McDowell Casino, Jake's Corner Store, Schwartz Insurance, Starbucks, and Subway.

Thank you, Norma Salas, {Public Awareness Manager, StreetLightUSA} for your help with this report.

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