



In the 18<sup>th</sup> and final year of the March of Dimes Bikers for Babies event, we are overwhelmed with thanks and gratitude for the incredible support from the biker community in Southwest Florida. What started as a ride from Naples Harley-Davidson to Fort Myers Harley-Davidson via Fort Myers Beach raising \$38,000 has grown into one of Southwest Florida's Premier fundraising events. Over the years we have had tens of thousands of participants and raised over \$2.2 million to fight for the health of ALL moms and babies.

The event has seen many changes over the years. For a couple of years, the ride ended in Downtown Fort Myers. Many of you will remember the Bed Races that started at Hooters in Fort Myers during the Saturday Pre-Registration Party. This event grew in popularity and became a featured part of the Cape Coral Bike Night in October of each year. Car, Bike and Truck shows have also been a part of past weekend festivities and one of the most entertaining and biggest fundraisers has been the Helmet Drives where teams stand on the corner of intersections and collect donations. For the final Bikers for Babies event there will be one last change. We are excited to announce that the route has been changed and the ride will be ending at the Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee.

There have been so many volunteers, individuals, clubs and companies that have supported us through the years, way too many to name all of them! A special thanks to the following who have shown tremendous generosity. Scott Fischer and the whole team at Scott Fischer Enterprises and the dealerships. The Lee and Collier County Sheriffs and all the law enforcement officers who have made the ride safe each year. SWFL HOG and Paradise HOG who have participated and volunteer every year. Steve and Mary Robison and Donta Morris who have consistently been the top fundraisers for many, many years. And to Norma Eveland aka Dime Lady and former Executive Director with the March of Dimes who brought Bikers for Babies to Southwest Florida and grew the event during her tenure.