



Houston and Kansas City Connect for A Ride of a Lifetime

By Heather Almquist and Bob Ellis

In April, Lockton's Houston and Kansas City offices came together to raise money and awareness for multiple sclerosis, a progressive neurological disease. For Houston, the office's cycling team completed its fourth BP MS150, riding more than 150 miles. For Jackie Schmidt, an

Associate in Kansas City, it was the trip of a lifetime for her twin sister, Kathie Money.

Jackie noticed a story on Lockton's Associate Spotlight about the ride and wrote to thank the Houston MS150 Committee for their hard work and dedication. Joey Dryden from the Houston MS 150 responded, letting her know how special her message was to the team.

Joey continued sharing team news, pictures, and accolades with the sisters, who enjoyed the updates. They were excited to hear that, after working as a volunteer coordinator for two MS150s, Joey decided he would attempt the long ride from Houston to Austin and dedicate his ride to Kathie.

Deeper Connections

A week later, Jackie called Joey with some amazing news; the two sisters, along with other family members, were making the trip from Kansas City to accompany the Houston team in the BP MS150. "I was floored," said Joey, "Not only was I encouraging Kathie, but now she was encouraging me."

Kathie, Jackie, and their family joined the team on Friday, April 15, for a preride celebration and dinner. They next joined the team in LaGrange, the ride's midpoint, and on Sunday closed out the weekend at the Austin finish line to cheer Joey and the other riders.

In total, more than \$62,000 was raised in direct donations for the MS Society. Lockton was also honored by the MS Society as the "Best Dressed Team" for the second time. While this was the fourth time Lockton Houston participated in the BP MS 150, the 2011 race was very special. The team raised more money for MS than in previous years, and most importantly, were able to share the weekend with Kathie and her family.

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Fighting the Battle

Jackie says the trip to Houston was part of a wonderful year for Kathie, who also renewed her wedding vows for her 30th wedding anniversary in 2011. However, Kathie, diagnosed in 1999, was in the primary progressive stages of MS. She was admitted to the hospital on August 14 and was taken into emergency surgery on September 1. Kathie lost her 12 year battle with MS on September 8.

"Kathie fought long and hard. We had time to talk and she had no regrets but wanted everyone to know she loved them," said Jackie.

Joey attended Kathie's visitation and funeral, surprising Jackie and the rest of the family. "This touched us more than we can express," said Jackie.

"Everyone I met at the visitation told me how Kathie raved about the MS150 after she returned home," said Joey. "It meant the world to her that our office opened our arms to her and her family."

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"She faced numerous difficulties, as many in her condition do each day, but always thought things could be worse and she had no right to

complain," said Jackie of her sister. "She will be missed by many, but her faithfulness and positive attitude will not be forgotten."

Twin Sisters Jackie and Kathie



Joey Dryden and Kathie

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London Reaches Out Through Reading Program

London Associates have been helping students from the Mulberry School for Girls for four years with a reading and mentor program. This is part of the Lloyd's Community Program, which is active in more than 20 schools in East London each week, making a huge impact in the lives of hundreds of children.

Lockton held an event this summer at which Julian James, International CEO, presented 16 pupils from the Mulberry School with certificates of completion.

Another 18 Associates have already volunteered to take part in the campaign next year.

