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**Eric Fischer Memorial Ride Raises Money for NSYMCA Programs**  
*Charity Drive Honors Fischer's Life and Philanthropic Legacy*

**Northbrook, IL: June 2021** – The sudden passing of Wheeling resident Eric Fischer was honored on June 13 at the North Suburban YMCA campus, where over 130 friends and family attended the Eric Fischer Memorial Ride and Celebration. Fischer, who unexpectedly died last year at 54, was known by the community for his generous and loving spirit.

To commemorate his life and legacy, Fischer's family and friends continued his philanthropic work by creating the NSYMCA's Eric Fischer Memorial Fund. The event raised over \$6,500, helping to fund the North Suburban YMCA's financial assistance aid to families, seniors, and children in need. Over the last couple of years, Eric also attended and supported the NSYMCA's Strong Kids Fundraising Dinner, which is now called the Community Strong Fundraiser.

The memorial event began at Willow Creek Church in Barrington with a motorcycle ride of over 70 riders, that ended at the NSYMCA. The 2-hour celebration included stories about Eric, speeches, food, music, and motorcycle mania sponsored by Sunset Foods, FGK Services, and Horcher's Service.

"What an awesome event, Eric would be so pleased. Eric loved people and had such a giving spirit which was a perfect way to keep his legacy alive through financial aid at the Y," said Kim Fischer.

Throughout the years, The North Suburban YMCA has offered memorials and honorariums for beloved family members, friends, colleagues, and community members. The honorariums can be in remembrance of someone who has passed, or include happy occasions, such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, retirements, and graduations. They can also be part of a donation, memorial fund, memorial brick, or through a designated donation to a specific YMCA program that best fits a loved one.

“We are so grateful that Eric’s family and friends chose our Y to honor him,” said Kathy Fielding, CEO of the North Suburban YMCA. “We always embrace families who want to continue to honor their loved ones’ legacy of giving back to the community, similar to how we honored Eric and his family.”

To make a donation to the Eric Fischer Memorial Fund visit <https://nsymca.org/ericfischer>.

### **About the North Suburban YMCA**

The North Suburban YMCA services Northbrook and 14 surrounding communities with programs and tools that help its residents become healthier, more connected, and confident, ensuring that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. The NSYMCA focuses on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility and is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, inclusive and welcoming to all in our community. Learn more at NSYMCA.org.



*CAPTION: Wendy Lacey, volunteer; Frank Karkazis, FGK Services and Eric Fischer Ride Organizer; and Jeri Calvetti, FGK Services Community Outreach Director at the Eric Fischer Memorial Ride and Celebration, which raised over \$6,500 to help people in need take part in the NSYMCA’s programs.*