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NSYMCA Eric Fischer Memorial Ride Scheduled for June 10 *3rd Annual Charity Ride Raises Money for Y Programs*

Northbrook, IL: June 2023 – The sudden passing of beloved Wheeling resident Eric Fischer left a hole in the community. His memory will be honored on June 10th at the third annual Eric Fischer Memorial Ride. Fischer, who passed away at 54 due to COVID-19, 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 Eric Fischer Memorial Fund. Since its inception in 2021, the Memorial Ride has raised over \$12,000, helping to support the North Suburban YMCA's programs and services, and provide financial aid to families, seniors, and children in need.

"We are very humbled that Memorial Ride and Eric's legacy continues into its third year after his passing," says Frank Karkazis, good friend and one of the Memorial Ride founders along with Kim Fischer and Bob Horcher. "Eric was a generous man who helped so many people, so this fund truly embodies what Eric believed in. His family and I also believe that Eric's work here was not done so it continues to inspire us to give back by helping the Y in so many ways."

The Memorial Ride will begin at the American Legion located at 334 East Maple Roselle, IL at 9:00 am with a motorcycle ride that will conclude with a celebration at 11:30 am at the North Suburban YMCA's outdoor campus in Northbrook. The celebration will include speeches, food, music, and motorcycle mania. Sponsors include FGK Services, Horcher's Auto, Sunset Foods and Bach to Rock – Northbrook.

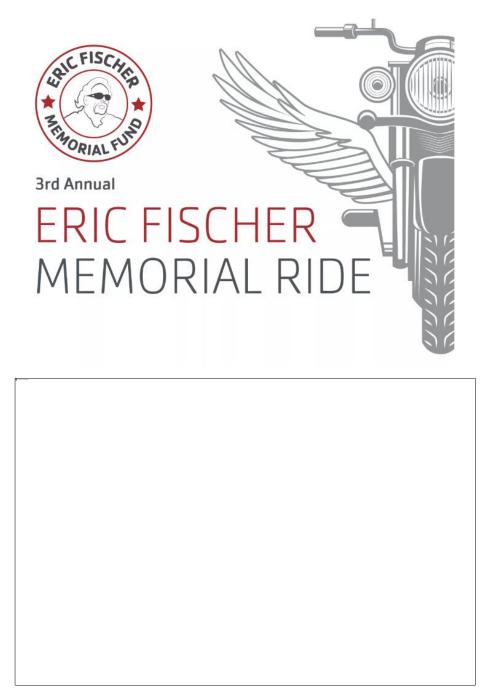
At the NSYMCA, honorariums can be established in remembrance of someone who has passed or to commemorate happy occasions, such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, retirements, and graduations. These honorariums can be part of a donation, a memorial fund or you can designate the donations to a specific YMCA program that best fits your loved one.

"Endowment programs and honorariums like the Eric Fischer Memorial Fund provides a legacy of giving back to the community. The money raised will allow more people in need to participate in lifechanging and enriching programs at the Y at no cost" said Debbie Madeley, NSYMCA Development Director. "The Y was blessed to have someone like Eric who attended and supported so many NSYMCA fundraisers."

To register for the 2023 Eric Fischer Memorial Ride, visit <u>https://www.nsymca.org/events/eric-fischer-memorial-ride</u>. To make a donation to the Eric Fischer Memorial Fund contact Debbie Madeley, Development Director, at <u>dmadeley@nsymca.org</u>.

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: The third annual Eric Fischer Memorial Ride is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at the North Suburban YMCA located at 2705 Techny Rd, Northbrook.