



## 2021 COVID Event Planning Statement

Since our first Reid Ride in 2009, we have been committed to raising funds for Reid's **Shoes for Kids** program, for kids in need of tennis shoes in our service area. We are incredibly humbled and grateful for your support over the years to ensure that our kids have this much needed footwear. You have touched their lives in a profound way and benefited thousands of children. **We simply couldn't do it without you.**

The needs of our children continue and we know that the past several months have been especially disruptive to their lives, relationships and sense of security. Now, more than ever, our children need our support in helping to meet their needs. Your continued dedication to this cause for children has given them confidence and assurance that our community wants to see them thrive and achieve their fullest potential.

When planning and executing **Reid Ride**, our top priority has and will always be the safety of our cyclists during the event. We have been able to provide this safe atmosphere due to the overwhelming support of our dedicated first responder groups in Richmond and Wayne County that keep a watchful eye on all of our riders as they enjoy the beauty of our community with friends, family and others. We are grateful for the tremendous support of our community and first responders.

As we continue to follow our paths to normalcy, **COVID-19** (Coronavirus) brings a new dimension to our 2021 event planning. Coronavirus has affected many area events over the past 17 months and after much consideration and conversation with our health professionals, we are committing to host this year's event on **August 21, 2021**, on the Reid Health campus. We will take full advantage of our spacious parking areas to facilitate appropriate distancing for the start and finish of this event to create and support a safe environment.

We have added **several new safety protocols** to ensure the safety of our riders and volunteers, as it relates to protecting your health. These changes include:

- Separating event functions from one large tent to four smaller tents
- Lessening personal contact during pre-ride registration and post-ride packet pickup
- Maintaining social distancing for riders, before, during and after the ride
- "No touch" beverage and snack distribution
- Intentional hand sanitation for all participants and volunteers

All of our planning is geared to ensure  rider and volunteer  safety and to continue raising the much-needed support to continue our Shoes for Kids program.

We know the new world with coronavirus is a fluid situation and things can change. Please know **your health and safety** continue to be our #1 priority for the Reid Ride Team.

With gratitude,

Reid Health Foundation