

Rose Hill Rally Wrap Up 2009

Thank you sponsors, riders and volunteers for making the 13th annual Rose Hill Rally such a success.

We appreciate you. Your support has made a difference at Rose Hill Hospitality House.

The Rose Hill Hospitality House has 11 bedrooms. More than 14,000 people have stayed an average of 4.7 nights (more than 60,000 nights) since it opened in 1997. There is no charge for staying at the Rose Hill Hospitality House, although donations are welcomed. It is staffed around the clock 365 days a year. Construction has begun on a 10 bedroom expansion just to the north of the present house

For the Rose Hill Rally riders, volunteers and sponsors who have provided their email addresses, here are some details of the 13th annual event.

There were more than 720 registered riders for this year's ride about 80 more than last year.

There were approximately 80 volunteers who worked the day of the ride and approximately 20 who worked folding t-shirts, stuffing rider and volunteer bags, setting up and packing up. Donations of gifts and services included printing, advertising, food, bike clothing, SAG vehicles and gasoline, ice and the freezer, Bump and Jump, port-a-potties, rider bags, traffic cones and many more indispensable items which helped make the ride a success.

Rider registration fees totaled approximately \$21,400. Sponsors donated approximately \$22,000 in cash and thousands in gifts to the Rose Hill Rally. Expenses totaled approximately \$11,000.00. In Thirteen years the Rose Hill Rally has raised more than \$250,000 for the Rose Hill Hospitality House.

We consumed almost 725 potatoes, countless muffins, yogurt, bananas, oranges, granola bars, gallons of Gatorade and other drinks, and fat boys. We fed the last riders at 3:55 PM. There were 3 riders in their eighty's.

The massage therapists worked overtime. The volunteer EMT's from the Grand Junction Fire Department were not busy. The bike mechanics from Brown Cycles and The Bike Shop were.

The 2010 Rose Hill Rally will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Please mark this on your

calendar.

Please support our sponsors. Without them this event would not be possible.

Have a great and healthy year.

Kathy Cherin, RN

Director of Resource Management and Continuing Care and the Rose Hill Hospitality House