

Face of America bike ride headed to Gettysburg

WellSpan clinicians are part of the event's medical team

The talent and skill of a team of WellSpan clinicians will be put to the test during a unique two-day bike event that showcases the determination and dedication of a special group of riders.

WellSpan Health is a proud sponsor of the 2011 Face of America bike ride that will take nearly 500 participants on an inspirational 110-mile bike ride from Washington, D.C., to Gettysburg from Saturday, April 16 to Sunday, April 17.

The annual event is designed to honor the country's military — those who are disabled, veterans and active duty members. The ride kicks off at the steps of the U.S. Capitol, stops overnight in Frederick, Md., and then takes riders to Gettysburg.

Gettysburg Hospital's Bill Steinour, M.D., will serve as the ride's medical director. He will be joined by fellow staff members who will serve as the event's medical team.

"It is a unique opportunity to support people who have already given so much to the people of this country and who are determined to overcome obstacles and live life to its fullest," Steinour said.

WellSpan clinicians who will join Steinour in addressing any medical issues that occur during the ride are Joanne Smith, R.N., Gettysburg Hospital Emergency Department; David Moore, M.D., Fairfield Family Medicine; Tom Little, M.D., WellSpan Orthopedics; and Laura Reyka, R.N., Gettysburg Hospital Women's Services.

"We're hoping everyone completes the ride without incident. However these riders will be



Nearly 500 people, many of them disabled veterans, will participate in an inspirational two-day, 110-mile bike ride from Washington, D.C., to Gettysburg on April 16 and April 17.

really pushing themselves and we realize that minor injuries are likely to happen," Steinour said. "We'll be ready to offer treatment and make sure the riders receive the care they need to remain in the event."

Sponsored by the nonprofit organization World T.E.A.M. Sports, the ride is an opportunity to support disabled and non-disabled servicemen and women and show them how much their efforts are appreciated.

World T.E.A.M. Sports is a movement to change the way the world perceives those with

disabilities. It uses sporting activities to challenge disabled and able-bodied men, women and children to reach accomplishments they never thought possible.

Approximately one in eight people in America, or 36 million people, have a disability. The ranks of the disabled have been swelled by more than 35,000 members of the armed forces who have been physically wounded in recent conflicts.

Members of the community are encouraged to show their support for the riders as they make their way through Adams County to the event's Sunday conclusion just west of Gettysburg.

Great opportunities for the community to come out and support the riders include a rest stop at the Barlow Volunteer Fire Company (tentatively scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), and the event's ending celebration at the residence of Seamus Garrahy off of Plank Road at approximately 1:30 p.m.



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