



Greetings,

Thank you for considering support for the Mars Hill Charity Riders event to benefit the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. In sponsoring this event each year, the Riders provide a vital source of funds to help the blind and visually impaired children of Indiana. We are grateful to the Riders for their willingness to ride for the School.

The Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired has far-reaching effect and has been making a difference since 1847.

- Children pre-school through grade 12, from 41 Indiana counties, attend the School as full time, part-time, or residential students.
- Our students learn not only academics, but life skills that give them the chance to live independent, enriched, productive lives.

This year's Ride is focusing on supplying updated technology for our students. Special materials are of great importance in the School's program, and they are costly. For example:

- Braille textbooks -- \$1,200 to \$4,000.
- Converting a single page of print into Braille -- \$0.50 to \$4.50.
- Vision-specific, assisted technology lap-top computers -- \$3,000 to \$6,000
- "Smart boards" that replace chalkboards, providing teachers vision-enhancing options and speech -- \$6,000.

To thank the event participants, we are asking you to consider donating an item to be utilized as door prize or for the auction.

Thank you again for your consideration,  
David Boyles  
Indiana Blind Children's Foundation-President