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Spectrum Care Service users pedal their way to a good cause

Spectrum Care service users put the pedal to the metal in a display of solidarity and support at the recent 'Bike Bash' event hosted by CanTeen. The 'Bike Bash', CanTeen's annual fundraising event is held at the Pukekohe Town square to raise money for young people in New Zealand, living with or recovering from cancer.

Teams from corporate organisations, local schools, community groups and others, keep the wheels of a stationary bike spinning for 12 hours (8am to 8pm). The effort put in by each team raises funds for CanTeen which help to give young people and their families opportunities that would not usually come their way. These opportunities include camps, holidays, alternative education and other services that families would find difficult to afford.

The event now in its fifth year attracts supporters from all walks, and has grown from 10 teams in 2004 to over 40 teams with over 450 participants. CanTeen is not funded by the government and relies on individuals and community organisations for funding.

Spectrum Care houses in Franklin have been involved for the past 3 years and participate each year at the 'Bike Bash'. This year, Kelly Cozens, Cheree Stevenson, Glen Neeley and Karl Barnett from Thorn Road along with David Sadler, David Mathewson and David Snelgar manned the bike for most of the day with the support of staff Joanne, Maria, Jacqui, and Paul. Fair Oaks and E Street also came along to support and motivate the Spectrum Care team.

The Pukekohe Bike Bash 2008 has generated \$10,000 for CanTeen and additional sponsorship funds are expected.

Congratulations to our service users and support providers from Thorn Road and Delta House, for their enthusiasm and energy, to get involved in a good cause! Well done!