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Dear Friends and Family,

“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”
J.R.R Tolkien.

With that thought - it's time to fundraise and prepare for this year's Pan Mass Challenge (PMC). This will be Chuck's 23rd year where he mounts the bike to ride 192 miles from Sturbridge to Provincetown in support of Cancer research and treatment. What's more - Jody, Spencer and Annika will volunteer at the final water stop in on the Cape in Wellfleet. It's a family affair and a big one! So many of you have been consistent in your support, and that consistency leads us to take this on again this year.

To review last year - we came very close to the \$6k goal we set - a grand total of \$5575. There were no major incidents during the ride and the weather was cooperative, but let's just say Chuck and his buddy Pete weren't leading the group in speed stats.

Some 2016/2017 PMC/Dana Farber facts:

- *\$47 million raised in 2016. There's an interesting chart showing where the money goes at: https://www.pmc.org/sites/pmc.org/files/backgrounds/2016_pmc_pie_chart_47_million_2_24_17_final.pdf*
- *The PMC has fueled Dana Farber's emergence as a leading center for what's being called 'precision medicine' where the patient's individual DNA informs the treatment. A growing bank of tumor DNA data improves this process every year.*
- *In a span of 5 weeks beginning late 2015 - the FDA approved 5 new cancer drugs in Dana-Farber-led clinical trials. This kind of work benefits treatment worldwide.*
- *A unique event that donates 100% of rider-raised funds directly to Dana Farber.*

We're proud to tell you about the first training ride of the season. In late June, Spencer Johnson (age 13) joined Chuck for a 2 day - 110 mile ride from Chuck's folks in Sandwich, NH back to our house in Ipswich, MA. We made fewer stops than a typical PMC, but of course consumed less healthy food. Spencer has announced he might like to take on the PMC someday - we'll have to see on that - but he's quite a rider and a great training partner.

So, please consider extending (or beginning) your support with this year's PMC. The minimum commitment is \$4,800 this year (and they bill it to your credit card if you fall short!), but we'd like to make this 23rd year hit that \$6,000 goal. We look forward to supporting your philanthropic endeavors too! Summer is busy, so I sincerely hope you can take a quick moment to launch <http://www2.pmc.org/profile/CJ0005> to make your tax-deductible donation or send the attached form via the USPS.

With much appreciation,

Chuck, Jody and Family

P.S. While your prompt donation is appreciated, donations are accepted through October.

Yes, I/we will help:

\$40 \$80 \$100 \$200 Other _____

Checks made out to "PMC"

Name: _____

Address (if new or changing)

My employer will match my gift.

There are 2 ways to make your tax-deductible gift

1. Please make **checks payable to "PMC-Jimmy Fund"** and send to:

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2. Secure website (accepts Credit/Debit Cards)

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Your prompt reply is appreciated, but contributions can be received until October, 2017

Thank you on behalf of the PMC for your contribution!!!



Pete holding me up on the boat ride home...



Annika's welcome home sign. Feels so good...