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Tee It Up! The 32nd Prouty Adds Golf and New Bike Route as Ways to Fight Cancer

2013 Prouty to take place July 12-13 throughout the NH-VT Upper Valley

Hanover, N.H. (February 11, 2013) – The 32nd annual Prouty, northern New England's premier cancer fundraiser, adds golf to the list of ways people can raise money to benefit Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center. The golf component will take place at the Hanover Country Club, joining sculls and sweeps, walking and cycling as one of the many outdoor passions used to raise money for cancer research and patient services at this nationally recognized cancer center.

“Golfers have been asking us for years how they can be included in the Prouty, and this year they'll have their first chance,” said Jean Brown, executive director of the [Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center](#), the event's organizer. “With the beautiful Hanover Country Club just across the street from Prouty Day festivities, it's a natural!” The 18-hole course, Dartmouth College's oldest athletic facility, offers links-addicted participants the opportunity to contribute to the Prouty party—and the cause! More information on Prouty Golf is available at the event's special [website](#).

And what else is new for 2013, but a new bike route! Responding to a consistent call for a route that splits the difference between the 50 and the 100 mile route, the new “Prouty 77,” adds a 77-mile route to the existing 20-, 35-, 50-, and 100-mile (Century) Prouty routes. And cyclists should note that the Century, 50-, and 20-mile routes have been slightly changed to make them even more appealing to cyclists of all different abilities -- check out the new [route maps](#).

Hear it for yourself! On February 28 Prouty organizers will host an information session -- the Prouty Prologue – for all potential participants. Learn about the details of the 6th Prouty Ultimate (the famous two-day, 200 mile ride that begins on Friday, July 12 and finishes with the Prouty Century ride on July 13) as well as all of the other offerings of

Prouty 2013 at the Prologue, scheduled for 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the 6th floor Research Atrium at Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Lebanon, NH. Food and drink, a drawing for a free spot in The Prouty Ultimate, a drawing for Prouty “swag,” and Prouty and Prouty Ultimate registration will all be available at the Feb. 28 event.

Event Overview

Taking place July 12 and 13 throughout the Vermont-New Hampshire Upper Valley region, the 2013 Prouty anticipates adding more than \$2.75 million to the \$17.3 million dollars it has raised since its founding in 1982. With the event coming off a record-breaking 2012 – the Prouty raised nearly \$2.6 million while celebrating its 31st year – Prouty organizers plan to keep the momentum going in 2013, tweaking the event to make it even more attractive to participants.

During Saturday’s portion of the event, cyclists can choose from distances of 20, 35, 50, 77, or 100 miles, while walkers’ options include distances of between three to 20 kilometers. All routes begin and end at Richmond Middle School in Hanover, N.H., and include scenic towns and countryside on both the New Hampshire and Vermont sides of the Connecticut River. Rowers choose their own distances up to 20 miles, beginning and ending at the Dartmouth College rowing dock on the shores of the Connecticut River.

Cyclists looking for a bigger challenge can ride in the Prouty Ultimate, a two-day, 200-mile ride that begins Friday in Manchester, N.H., and ends the following day with the Prouty Century ride.

Approximately 5,000 cyclists, walkers and rowers, and more than 1200 volunteers participated last year, with both numbers expected to increase in 2013. Registration is already underway at www.TheProuty.org.

“We have no doubts that this year’s Prouty will be the best yet,” said Brown. “With the addition of golf and the Prouty 77 bike event on top of the rowing we added two year’s ago, -, there’s truly something for everyone at the Prouty. Come join us and let’s Prouty together!”

Hosted by the Friends of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center and presented by the Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation, money raised by The Prouty funds world-class research, state-of-the-art equipment, critical education programs, and innovative [clinical trials](#) that affect the lives of cancer patients around the world. These dollars also fund quality-of-life patient services such as massage, transportation assistance, writing-for-healing workshops, [support groups](#), and patient libraries. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center is one of only 41 federally designated [comprehensive cancer centers](#) in the country and the only one in northern New England.

The Prouty History

The Prouty was started in 1982 by four Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center nurses of patient Audrey Prouty, of Warren, N.H., to honor her courage in fighting ovarian cancer. "It was the sight of Audrey facing her cancer everyday with such incredible courage that inspired us to challenge ourselves with a 100-mile ride," said Patti Carney, one of those four nurses. That first year they raised \$4,000. Since then, the event has raised more than \$17 million.

About Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center

The Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center combines advanced cancer research at Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Medical School with patient-centered cancer care provided at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock regional locations in Manchester, Keene, and Nashua, N.H., and St. Johnsbury, Vt., and at 12 partner hospitals throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. It is recognized and designated by the National Cancer Institute for its breadth and depth as one of just 41 Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the U.S. Learn more about Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center research, programs, and clinical trials online at cancer.dartmouth.edu.