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Huge thanks are in order, not only to the saddle-sore riders, but also to the many companies and individuals who generously donated to the cause of the ride this year.

50% of all donations were directed to **Cardiac Risk in the Young** (CRY) in memory of our son, Jamie Loncaster, who passed away in March 2015 from severe myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle). This amounted to nearly a £6,000 boost to the fund at CRY.

A further overwhelmingly generous gesture was made by PDR Construction and The Dransfield Foundation by “rounding up” the overall cheque value to a staggering **£10,000..!**

As a result of this fundraising and the generosity of everyone connected to events such as this, we now have enough money in Jamie’s Memorial Fund at CRY to book and secure another 12 days of heart screenings in 2017, 2018 & 2019. **That’s equivalent to 1,200 heart screening places!**

In June 2016 Jamie’s Memorial Fund at CRY covered the cost of screening 200 young people at our first local event held at South Hunsley School, where Jamie was a pupil. Everyone had an initial standard ECG and these were reviewed by the CRY Research Fellow in attendance, Gherardo Finocchiaro. **FOUR** people had an additional Echocardiogram and in total **FIVE** people were referred to their GP for further investigation / follow up checks.

Awareness of Young Sudden Cardiac Death (YSCD) is so very important to us and we hope that our website and social media feeds can be of some use to anyone wanting to know more. Please visit our recently updated website for further information: www.jamieloncaster.co.uk

We also have news to share about a link up with **The British Heart Foundation (BHF)** too. There’s a BHF Gift of Hope Fund in Jamie’s name which will help fund research into the causes of myocarditis.

We remain so utterly humbled by the support and generosity of those around us. Thank you.