

Have a cow man! and kill cancer

Bovine goes toward cycle tour to fight disease

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After completing almost 1,000 km of his cross-Canada trek, ultra-cyclist and cancer crusader Tim Harriman rolled into Calgary and had a cow.

Upon arriving at Eau Claire Market yesterday he was introduced to a 4-H award-winning calf that until recently was owned by 10-year-old Dakota Townsend.

Dakota, whose seven-year-old brother Wacey is fighting leukemia, sold the animal and donated \$500 from the sale to Harriman's Spokeman Tour for Childhood Cancer, said Dakota's mother Val.

"It's always really hard on a family when a child is diagnosed with cancer, but for Dakota, her brother is also her best friend," said the Sylvan Lake resident.

"She wanted to help and this was how she could do it."

Harriman, who turns 19 today, is in the middle of a 7,738-km ride from coast to coast raising funds for the Childhood Cancer Foundation and awareness about the battle kids fighting cancer face every day.

Through a petition on his ride's website, Harriman also hopes to get September proclaimed Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Harriman was diagnosed with leukemia at age 14 and was given little chance of survival but he beat the cancer after three years of chemo and radiation therapy.

But that fight showed him how little support there is for childhood cancer research and treatment in Canada.

There are 10,000 kids fighting cancer, he said.

"Three in four will make it but what's important is the one in four who won't.

Throughout his ride, Harriman will visit cancer kids and collect their cards, art work and mementos and deliver them to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. For more, log onto www.spokemantour.com.

Tim Harriman had a cow -- to fight cancer that is. The Calgarian is cycling across Canada to raise funds to fight the disease. Leukemia sufferer Wacey Townsend, 7, left, meets Harriman

with sister Dakota, 10. Dakota sold her prize steer for the cause.