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Bike tour ends on Staten Island with \$20K boost for children's cancer camp

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Over 50 people attended the "Cycle for Sunrise Brunch," a celebratory end to the Five Boro Bike Tour, in Don Cheech Restaurant in Rosebank. (Courtesy/Rockstar Imagery (Alan Nili) and tag @rockstarimagery) Staten Island Advance

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a post-ride fundraiser in Rosebank raised more than \$20,000 for a Staten Island camp serving children with cancer.

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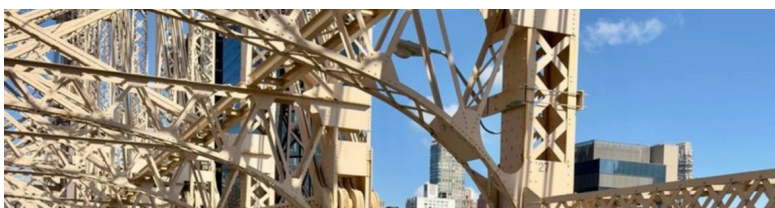
route through all five boroughs on May 3 during the event's 48th year. The ride, which began in lower Manhattan and ended at Fort Wadsworth, is widely considered the nation's largest charitable bike tour.



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After crossing the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge into Staten Island, dozens of riders and supporters gathered at Don Cheech restaurant for the “Cycle for Sunrise Brunch,” a fundraiser benefiting the Lucille & Jay Chazanoff Sunrise Day Camp—Staten Island.





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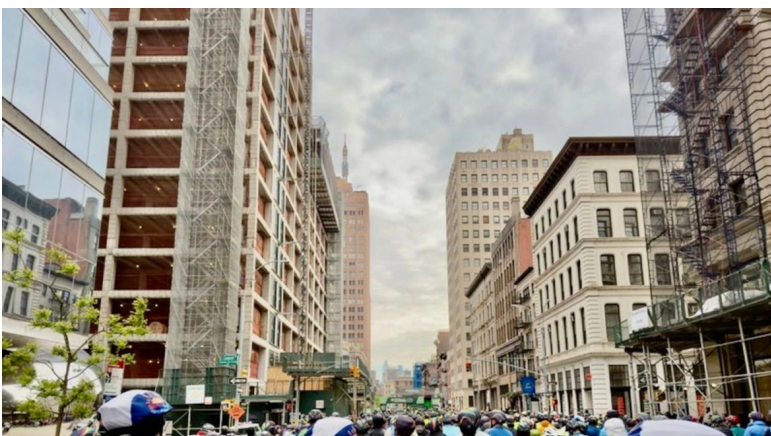
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About 50 attendees celebrated the ride while supporting the camp, which provides free summer programs for children with cancer and their siblings.

The Cycle for Sunrise team featured 17 riders this year, organized by co-chairs David Harris Gutman and Lisa Lubarsky. Gutman, who also serves as an ambassador for Sunrise Day Camp initiatives, brought together nearly 20 riders to participate in the tour and raise funds.

“I am thankful to be part of the Sunrise mission and the opportunity to utilize the Bike New York platform to raise awareness and funding,” Gutman said. “Sunrise is a cause you view with your eyes and feel in your heart.”





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The team's fundraising efforts, combined with other initiatives like an annual toy drive, have helped send more than 10 children to the Staten Island camp at no cost to their families.



Orit Lender, CEO of the Joan & Alan Bernikow Jewish Community Center, praised the riders' efforts.

"We are so proud of our team, who biked through all five boroughs on a cold, windy day to raise money for Sunrise Day Camp," she said. "Thank you for helping us give summer back to children with cancer and their siblings."

Sunrise Day Camp is the only program of its kind in New York City, serving more than 170 children annually from Staten Island, Brooklyn, Manhattan and parts of New Jersey. Operated by the JCC and held at Staten Island Academy, the camp — along with its year-round programs — is provided completely free of charge.

The next major fundraiser, SunriseWALKS & Carnival, will take place June 14 at the Bernikow JCC in Sea View.

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