



BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE

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In 1997 the young president of an Indianapolis Lions Club wanted his Lions Club to serve the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) by donating the profits from a unique athletic event; a Trike Race. Thus, the first Trike Race at the ISBVI was originated.

Since that time, the Trike Race has been held annually by the Lions to raise money for items at the ISBVI. Some things have changed over the years, such as the name of the Trike Race. That young president (28 years old) died of an unforeseen congenital heart condition before the second Trike Race, thus the race was renamed in honor of Lion Brian Hiltunen and is now called Brian's Trike Race. The Lions of Indiana have recognized the merit of this event, and now support Brian's Trike Race by publicizing the race and encouraging clubs from all over Indiana to participate by providing racing teams and making donations.

Using adult-sized tricycles, 20 to 40 teams of four participants race around the circle-8 track at the ISBVI, raising money for equipment and services at the ISBVI. We have had teams from across the state, from a variety of age groups, both sighted and visually impaired.

Our main goal is to have a good time while raising funds for the ISBVI and to bring people to the Blind School to build awareness of the demands placed upon and accomplishments of the students of the ISBVI. We are proud of what these donations have helped to accomplish. By matching funds with other Indiana Lions Clubs, the Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Indiana Blind Children's Foundation, Brian's Trike Race funds have helped to purchase a playground and computers and assistive technology for the students at the ISBVI.

Awards are presented to winning teams and all participants are given free T-shirts to commemorate the Trike Race. Students will receive a certificate stating they earned 4 hours of volunteer service to their community—what a great opportunity to help others and have a lot of fun at the same time!

Please make a difference to the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. For more information about fielding a team, call me at 317-908-8884 or email pat.henninger@gmail.com

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