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The Bears paw Lions Club has partnered with GIDDY UP FOR WISHES to provide invaluable assistance in coordinating fundraising and route logistics with other Lions Clubs along the route.



Please contact Giddy Up for Wishes at (403) 844-9749 or e-mail martha@giddyupforwishes.com if your organization would like to help support this ride.

About Martha



Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

—Harriet Tubman

Martha Birkett was born in Ontario and raised on farms in Niagara-On-The-Lake and Wainfleet. She is one of nine children born to John and Mary Vandelaar. Her parents also fostered many children over the years.

Martha moved to Alberta in 1986 and has been a resident of the Cochrane area for 15 years. She has worked in a variety of jobs related to emergency services, and was head counselor for many summers at Bates Bar J Ranch, a horse riding camp for children.

Martha has always had a passion for horses. She spends a great deal of time riding in the wilderness and recently began competitive trail riding. A frequent rider in the Calgary Stampede Parade, she helped form a parade group "Women of the Wild West".

Martha is married to Ken Birkett and has three daughters, a step-daughter and a step-son. The newest loves in her life are her two beautiful grandsons, Avery and Ryder. She can't wait to get them in the saddle!

—March 2008



One Woman's Desire to Make a Difference

A cross-country horseback ride by Martha Birkett to raise money and awareness for the Children's Wish Foundation

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Giddy Up for Wishes is about dreams

– the dreams of Martha Birkett and the dreams of health-challenged children. Martha plans to leave Ottawa on horse-back and ride 3500 km along the Trans Canada Highway to Calgary to raise money and awareness for the Children's Wish Foundation.

Martha's adventures will begin with a spectacular send-off in Ottawa on March 30. With thousands of people on hand, the Children's Wish Foundation will invite attendees to make a wish for world peace together. This will be the 'World's Biggest Wish'. Martha is honoured to carry that precious wish on her saddle – and gather more from 'wish' children along the way – as she rides back to Calgary in time for the July Stampede.

Join us with your support and follow Martha's progress at www.giddyupforwishes.com

Also check www.giddyupforwishes.com to find out how kids can help fundraise and win a free week to Bates Bar J Ranch camp and Horses 'R Cool Riding School.



Children's Wish Foundation

The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada provides children with high-risk, life-threatening illnesses the opportunity to realize their most heartfelt wish. Their work is about dignity, about dreams come true, and about quality of life. These courageous youngsters often experience a renewed sense of energy and hope as they see a different kind of light at the end of the tunnel. After two decades of wish granting, the Children's Wish Foundation has filled over 12,000 wishes — upwards of 800 annually.



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Make a Donation

YES! I support Giddy Up for Wishes and want to make a child's wish come true.

Please make cheque payable to "Giddy Up for Wishes" and mail by July 15, 2008 to:

Giddy Up for Wishes
P.O. Box 1498
Cochrane, Alberta T4C 1B4

A tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$30.00 or more and only upon request.

Yes, I require a tax receipt.

Gift Amount \$ _____

Name: _____

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* Donations will be forwarded to the provincial chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation from which they are received.

We will acknowledge your contribution by posting your name on our website for any donation of \$30.00 or more.

Please do not publish my name.

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