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A Suicide Prevention Ride scheduled for August 23 will donate proceeds to the Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention, in support of local suicide prevention efforts.

(Green Bay, Wis.) – A ‘Suicide Prevention Ride’ is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 23 in the Green Bay area. The ride will start and end at The Rendezvous, 2928 West Mason Street, with multiple stops. Registration takes place 9:30-11am. The ride leaves at 11am.

The ride returns to The Rendezvous at 6pm with live music by Head Games 7-11pm, in addition to raffles and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention in support of its suicide prevention services in the Brown County area.

"Losing someone to suicide is painful, confusing, complicated and messy. Adding the extra stigma of suicide, it almost seems unbearable. Now imagine the everyday life of the person contemplating suicide as the only way to end the pain must feel. Three years ago, on August 23, 2011, a very good man lost his life to suicide. As his friends and family, we have tried to make sense where there is none. We cannot change the events of that day, but what we can do is help offer resources to those that can help. That is the purpose of the In Memory Of…. ride. For those of us that have lost someone. For those of us that don’t want to see the effects of a suicide on the face of another loved one. Let’s ride, and offer resources to those that can help. Days like Saturday, August 23, 2014 are so vital and so incredibly powerful. The ripple effects of that day, with your help, will allow each rider, and their passenger, to help give new opportunities to those that need it, and to heal", says one event organizer Rich White.

Proceeds from this event will help the Coalition continue its important work to help others recognize the signs and get help before it’s too late. Registration cost is $20 per bike $5 per additional rider.

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About the Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention: The Coalition is committed to promoting awareness that suicide is a public health problem that is preventable by providing education to decrease the stigma associated with mental health and suicide. The group engages in prevention strategies to reduce suicide in Brown County through grass roots efforts, including outreach, education and gatekeeper training utilizing the Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) program.

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5th Annual Suicide Prevention Ride to Support Crisis Center of Family Services

A Suicide Prevention Ride scheduled for August 24 will donate all proceeds to the Crisis Center of Family Services to support the program’s suicide prevention efforts.

(Green Bay, Wis.) – A ‘Suicide Prevention Ride’ is scheduled to take place on Sunday, August 24 in the Greater Green Bay area. Registration takes place 10:30-11:30am at Gilligans, 1985 Velp Avenue. Serving breakfast from 9-12. The ride is scheduled to leave at 12 noon, making stops at Wouters Front in Suamico, Wise Guy’s Riverside Bar in Oconto and Junction Bar in Abrams.

The final stop will include live music by Crossing Paths at CZ’s Geano Beach Resort, 2060 Sand Bar Way, beginning at 5:00 pm, along with raffles and door prizes. All proceeds benefit the Crisis Center of Family Services in support of its suicide prevention services in the Brown County region.

“Nearly everyone I know, myself included, knows someone who has committed suicide. The ride is being held to bring awareness to the issue and support prevention efforts in the community,” says event organizer Jeanne Parrett. “Proceeds from this event will help the Crisis Center continue its important work to help others recognize the signs and get help before it’s too late.”

Registration cost is $20 per bike or $25 with two riders. Call 920-883-9196 for more information.

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For information regarding Crisis Center services, contact:
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About the Crisis Center: The Crisis Center of Family Services provides professional, short-term counseling, 24 hours a day, for people of all ages in Brown County. Services include telephone counseling, in-person assessment, active follow-up and assistance, community education and outreach, and information and referral.

About Family Services: Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin is a non-profit, human services agency that provides healing, happiness and healthy lifestyles for the children and families of Northeast Wisconsin. The agency offers more than 30 programs that support the people of our communities during challenges and transitions in their lives.

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