



## UFC Bergen Bike Tour

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## TD Banknorth Diamond Sponsor of Bergen Bike Tour

North Jersey For the second year in a row, TD Banknorth has generously contributed \$5,000 as Diamond Sponsor of the 13th annual Bergen Bike Tour, to be held on Sunday September 28, 2008 at Darlington County Park in Mahwah, NJ. The proceeds from the Bergen Bike Tour will benefit Tomorrows Children's Fund at Hackensack University Medical Center and the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, both of which have been the beneficiaries of this event for the past thirteen years.

"As a corporate citizen of the Bergen County community, TD Banknorth is proud to support the Bergen Bike Tour," says David S. Yanagisawa, senior vice president of commercial lending for TD Banknorth's Mid-Atlantic Division, which is based in Mahwah. "The Tour offers individuals and families with a wonderful opportunity to participate in a healthy and fun activity while helping to support the programs that make a positive difference in our community," continues Mr. Yanagisawa, a resident of Dumont and a Board member of the Volunteer Center.

"This is the third year that TD Banknorth has been involved with the Bike Tour and the second year as a Diamond Sponsor," says Phil Murphy, chairman of the event. "We are especially pleased and excited that they will again be joining us as a Diamond Sponsor to make this year's event the biggest success ever."

**Tomorrows Children's Fund** was established by loving parents seeking help and relief for their desperately ill children, in association with physicians committed to providing the best possible care. The Fund addresses the critical needs of families facing the anguish of childhood cancer by providing a warm, healthy and loving atmosphere for children in treatment; a wide range of services to relieve emotional and financial stress; state-of-the-art medical care; and funding for research on childhood cancer and serious blood disorders.

**The Volunteer Center of Bergen County** works with more than 600 public and private non-profit agencies in and near Bergen County that value and need the services of volunteers. The Volunteer Center links individuals, groups, organizations and corporations with rewarding volunteer opportunities that fit their interests, abilities, schedules and locations, while allowing them to make a difference in the community by addressing serious social concerns such as hunger, literacy, poverty, and the needs of children, the elderly and disabled. The Volunteer Center operates a home repair service for the elderly and disabled as well as sponsoring two mentoring programs in which caring adults are friends, role models and mentors to abused children, and parents and families in need of guidance and support.

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The Bergen Bike Tour will feature 50-, 25- and 10- mile routes for cyclists of every level. A separate Kid's Ride is held on a special course, where the youngsters ride their Big Wheels, tricycles, and training wheel bikes in a safe and entertaining environment. The day is capped off with a fun-filled barbeque, DJ music and other entertainment, which is typically enjoyed by more than 300 participants every year.

"Last year, the Bike Tour turned over 75% of the gross proceeds – more than \$120,000 - to the Volunteer Center and Tomorrows Children's Fund. This rate far surpasses many events of

its kind. We are confident that with the help of the community and other corporations like TD Banknorth, we can exceed that in 2008,” continues Murphy. “Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28th. Registration is now open.”

For further information about becoming a corporate sponsor, or organizing a group to participate in the Bike Tour call 1-877-BER-BIKE, or visit the website at [www.bergenbiketour.org](http://www.bergenbiketour.org) and register on-line.

