

# Bike For Zike – N – Fury



**Derek on 11-28-08**



**Team prays at the time of Derek's accident 1-16-09**



The Chicago Fury is sponsoring a fundraiser bike ride from Arctic Ice Arena in Orland Park, IL to Fishers, IN, approximately 200 miles. The ride will be done by Marc Kapsalis and take place over the course of approximately 7 days in June, concluding by June 21<sup>st</sup>.

As many of you know, Derek suffered a burst fracture of his C5 causing him to be paralyzed from his mid section down. He went through weeks of therapy, to be able to breathe and eat on his own. As of today, April 21<sup>st</sup>, he has no movement in his legs, minimal use of his hands and only recently regained partial use of his arms. His prognosis is unknown as spinal cord injuries take an extremely long time to heal, if they heal at all. (Updates on Derek's condition can be found at

[www.chicagofury.com](http://www.chicagofury.com))

The Zike family, along with dealing with the trauma of this life changing event, also needed to renovate their home to make it handicap accessible, needed a handicap van, and Mike and Robin, Derek's parents, had months off work. There have been a large number of costs the family has endured that have not been covered by health insurance.

Since Derek's home coming from the U of Mich. Hospital on April 11<sup>th</sup>, the family has been overwhelmed with caring for Derek. The things the nurses did for Derek on a 24/7 basis, his Mom, Dad and Grandma now must do. Derek's rehab that was 4+ hours daily in Michigan is down to just about 1-1.5 hours since coming home. The additional rehab costs are not covered by insurance and there will undoubtedly be continuing costs not absorbed by insurance. The family has need of in-home care for Derek, and also would like to see him get as much rehab as possible. While Derek was receiving the 4+ hours daily he was making some progress in his legs, with trace movements, etc.

**From the money I am able to raise, 50% of all proceeds will go directly to the Derek Zike Trust Fund.** The remainder of the funds will go to set up a scholarship fund to help families that have gifted players but can not afford AAA hockey. It is our goal that no player be turned away from the Fury solely because of the cost. A benevolence board will review applications and determine the amount of scholarship money awarded, if any, strictly based on the family income, hardship and need. No player will receive money based on their hockey ability.

Please help Derek and the Fury by generously pledging me for each mile I ride! If you have any questions about the event, please contact Marc Kapsalis at 630-359-5531 or at [mkapsalis@comcast.net](mailto:mkapsalis@comcast.net). Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,  
Marc Kapsalis, President, Chicago Fury AAA Hockey Club

### **Pledge Goal \$250,000**

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Ride length is 200 miles...

Pledge amount per mile \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledged if ride completed \_\_\_\_\_

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Elmhurst, IL 60126 or complete credit card information below and mail to same address:

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