



# Bike & Build, Inc.

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Dear members of the Bike & Build community,

Thank you for your tremendously kind, thoughtful, and generous responses over the last couple of days. The thoughts, messages, and actions we have seen are a comfort to Paige's family, the P2S team, our organization, and the greater Bike & Build community. The outpouring of support has reminded us the strength and character of this amazing group.

Below is an update with further information regarding the response of Paige's family and our organization.

### **Visitation and Memorial Services:**

Visitation and a memorial service will be held in the Saint Louis area this Sunday, July 25, and Monday, July 26.

Paige's family will be receiving visitors at Kriegshauser West Funeral Home, located at [9450 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis, MO, 63132](#) on Sunday from 3-7pm.

A memorial service will be held on Monday at 2:30pm at Marquette High School Commons, located at [2351 Clarkson Road, Chesterfield, MO](#).

We have also created a Google Map which includes the locations of key venues for the events in Saint Louis; the map is available at [www.bit.ly/BBSTLMap](http://www.bit.ly/BBSTLMap).

### **Contacting Paige's Family:**

Paige's family has provided the following email address where notes may be sent: [InMemoryOfPaigeHicks@gmail.com](mailto:InMemoryOfPaigeHicks@gmail.com). Paige is survived by her parents, Fred and Dawn, and her sisters, Mallory and Haley.

### **Donations in Paige's Memory:**

Paige's family has asked that those who wish to make a contribution do so to either Bike & Build or Habitat for Humanity. They have asked that this take the place of sending flowers, for those intending to do so.

- Contributions to Bike & Build can be made by credit card through our website [here](#). Please be sure it says “Hicks, Paige (P2S)” before continuing to make your donation. While credit card contributions are preferred, checks (marked “Paige Hicks Fund” in the memo line) may be sent to Bike & Build at 6109 Ridge Avenue – Building 2 / Philadelphia, PA 19128. Please include an email address with your check so that we may send you a thank you and a tax receipt.
- Contributions to Habitat for Humanity should be made through HFH’s Gift From the Heart program. More information about the program is [available here](#). Please use the [Inmemoryofpaige@gmail.com](mailto:Inmemoryofpaige@gmail.com) email address when prompted where to send a card.

### **Status of the P2S group:**

Bike & Build Program Director, Kristian Sekse, arrived on site with the P2S group on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and is dedicated towards providing support and comfort to the members of P2S, as well as liaising between the group, Bike & Build, and Paige’s family.

On Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, grief counselors were made available to the group in Martin, SD, where the group stayed that evening. On Wednesday, the group travelled by vehicle to the larger town of Chadron, NE, which offered more resources for team members. An additional counselor met with the group in Chadron on Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Kristian is overseeing the organization’s efforts to provide direct assistance to P2S members. In addition to outside counselors, Bike & Build is offering its assistance and facilitation in helping the riders cope with and express their grief. The group has had team meetings to air, discuss, and begin to respond to their concerns and sorrows.

Kristian will be remaining with the group until Bike & Build is comfortable that all team members have received the support they need from the organization.

At this time we have not yet determined the future course of the P2S trip after the memorial service on Monday. Please know that the riders’ physical safety and their emotional comfort will be chief factors in determining the plans.

### **Further accident reports and online memorials:**

There have been a number of news reports of the accident in recent days. We continue to be aware of the need for our community and organization to understand the circumstances, and are providing links to online resources which we feel best represent and communicate the events and response.

- *Minneapolis – St. Paul Star Tribune, “[Cyclist riding across country for fundraiser killed on S.D. highway,](#)” July 21, 2010.*
- *STLToday.com, “[College student from Chesterfield killed in S.D. road accident,](#)” July 22, 2010.*

There has been a tremendous response outside of the Bike & Build community, which we wanted to share information about. Brown University, which Paige attended, [released a statement](#) which includes an excerpt of a letter sent by University President Ruth Simmons. Additionally, the [Brown Daily Herald](#), the University newspaper, is preparing a memorial for Paige on its web site. If you would like to contribute a message, note, photo, or other remembrance, you may email [blog@browndailyherald.com](mailto:blog@browndailyherald.com).

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Everyone within the organization is behind Paige's family, the P2S team, and those that knew her within the Bike & Build community. We also continue to think of and provide support to the other 2010 riders who are on the road throughout the country.

Thanks to all of the members of our community. We are extremely grateful for your kind reactions. We are we also especially proud of the bravery and tremendous actions the P2S leader team and riders.

The organization will continue to keep you updated, and you may continue to reach out to Bike & Build at [response@bikeandbuild.org](mailto:response@bikeandbuild.org).

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