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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHAT:** Peoria welcomes the national Five Points of Life Bicycle Team at a press conference and health fair with the healthcare and donation/transplantation organizations serving central Illinois.

**WHY:** The team's stops at school assemblies, community health fairs and other stops since arriving in Illinois last Saturday are drawing immense attention to the state's ongoing need for organ/tissue, blood, apheresis, cord blood and bone marrow donation – the Five Points of Life.

The riders, each with a personal connection to one or more Points of Life, are on a 2,300-mile, seven-week mission to share their stories and raise awareness. The ride began Sept. 2 in International Falls, Minnesota and will end in St. Petersburg, Florida.

[A Peoria native is among the team's 12 riders from throughout the United States and South Africa.](#)

**WHEN:** Thursday, Sept. 19.  
Noon – News conference at noon.  
10 a.m.–2 p.m. – Health fair and community donor card signings

**WHERE:** RiverPlex Recreation & Wellness Center, 600 NE Water

**WHO:** The Peoria Police Department will meet the team as it rides into Peoria and escort them to the RiverPlex.

Participating in the official city welcome and the news conference are City Councilman Eric Turner, Parks and Recreation Director Bonnie Noble, officials from Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network and the American Red Cross, and local individuals and families who have been impacted by lifesaving donation.

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