

## Calgary - "Ride for the Cure" Fundraiser:

11-May-2007 - **Tony Griffin** & his Team probably didn't realize the strength of the Irish community in Western Canada when they decided to make the trek across this vast country.

Having left Vancouver's gracious welcome, the Ride seemed very achievable. The Rocky Mountain range is a leveler if ever there was one. Tony's struggles in getting through this most difficult part of the journey are documented in his website ([www.tonygriffinfoundation.com](http://www.tonygriffinfoundation.com)).

Having made it to Banff and seeing the prairies stretching out before him, a Rest Day was needed. And what better place than Cowtown to take that well earned rest.

Little did the Crew realize that the Calgary Irish ( the Chieftains GFC & the Irish Cultural Society) had planned to give him an massive Albertan welcome. Led by Orla McKiernan, the "Ride for the Cure" Crew were hosted at the ICS Pavilion in Bowness, and presented with the traditional White Stetson Hats synonymous with the Calgary ICS. Upwards of 200 people crowded the Hall there and raised more much needed funds on the way towards the 1,000,000 Euro goal.

So, in good spirits the "Ride for the Cure" moves out of the Western Canada Division, towards Saskatchewan & Manitoba. The GAA clubs on Tony's path have laid out a welcome befitting of this massive undertaking. On behalf of all the Clubs in the Western Canada Division, we wish Tony Griffin all the Best as he rides his way into History.

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## Vancouver - "Ride for the Cure" Send-Off Party & Fundraiser:

02-May-2007 - **Tony Griffin** & his Team were treated to an evening of music and craic, as the Irish in Vancouver turned out in great numbers to support his "Ride for the Cure". Eddie Macken, the legendary Irish Show jumper, was on hand to add his considerable reputation to Tony's growing list of admirers. Graham Hancock, President of the Irish Sporting & Social Club of Vancouver, spoke about how this disease effects us all, and Erin McGinley gave Tony an Irish blessing be fore his departure.

The previous week-end had seen Tony & his crew hosted impeccably by the Speirins of Richmond, play Hurling with the Vancouver Harps, address the BC Aussie Rules league, and enjoy glorious sunshine ahead of the Journey. On Wednesday, 2nd May at 7:30am, the "Ride for the Cure" commence with the whole crew placing their feet in the Pacific Ocean, and then, led by RCMP in traditional Surge, to the sound of Bag-pipes, the mighty trek across Canada began.

Keep track of Tony's progress at <http://www.tonygriffinfoundation.com/track-tony-1>.

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