

Our Story

Jimmy Button lived and breathed motorcycles and had his whole future ahead of him. He was 26 years old and was starting his 10th year as a professional motocross rider, his 2nd year with factory Yamaha. However, on January 22, 2000 his whole life would drastically change in a split second. While practicing for the evening's Supercross race at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, Jimmy went down in the whoop section and immediately went numb. As Jimmy lay there the fans and his teammates watched silently as he was carried off the track.

That evening his family and friends were told he would probably never walk again. He had bruised his spinal cord at his 2nd and 3rd vertebrae and was paralyzed from the neck down.

What the doctors did not know was how powerful Jimmy's spirit and courage was. He came back not to ride again but to win something much bigger, to win the race of walking again.

Following his injury Jimmy was left in a very difficult situation, both physically and financially. Since a riders union didn't exist there was a critical need for an organization that could provide financial and emotional assistance when an extreme situation arose.

In the fall of 2000 Bob Moore, Bob Walker, and Jimmy Button created the Road 2 Recovery Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization to enhance the sport of motocross through assistance to AMA licensed professional Motocross and Supercross riders who sustain career ending injuries.

Our Accomplishments

What's even more important than the money we raise is what we do with it. We are extremely careful how we spend the dollars you entrust in our care. In fiscal year 2006 we kept administrative and fundraising expenses under 10%, while donating over \$200K to injured riders.

The Road 2 Recovery is proud to have provided assistance to the following riders: Justin Smith, Shane Lusk, Buddy Duffy, Stephanie Bau, David Bailey, Chris Ackerman, James Marshall, Ernesto Fonseca, Jamie Brockman, Nick Depalo, Donovan Mitchell, Casey Lytle and Ted Campbell.

In addition to the above recipients the Foundation provides annual contributions to the Asterisk Mobile Medical Center, and Steve Hudson's FCAMX (Fellowship of Christian Athletes Motocross).

Developed three years ago, the mobile center is a hospital-on-wheels that has drastically improved treatment and diagnosis time. Up to then there was only a part-time doctor volunteering at some of the events. Now Dr. Bodnar and Dr. Augustine staff the unit at every race. Since both ride they have a knowledge of motorcycle racing and the type of injuries the guys go through.

Over the last 10 years Steve Hudson has been Race Chaplain at the Supercross and Motocross Nationals. He holds chapel services at all the races during the Rider's Meetings and offers inspirational advice and fellowship to the riders and their families that they might not otherwise have due to extensive travel schedules.

We need your help

There are many ways you can support the Road 2 Recovery mission. While monetary donations are always appreciated, there are other ways to help support the Foundation.

Participate in our annual fundraising events. Fans, riders and the motorcycle industry come together and enjoy the camaraderie of this great sport.

Donate autographed gear, images, and collectibles that we can auction on-line. Promote the Foundation by placing our stickers on your bike, helmet or vehicle. Post a link from your website to ours and help us spread the word!

We couldn't succeed without our corporate sponsors. We welcome marketing plans that benefit your company and our cause. Sponsorships naming rights are available. Donations of products and services continue to help keep our operating costs at a minimum.

Only contributions to a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization can be claimed for a tax deduction. Lessen your tax burden while helping this worth while cause. Together we can make difference.

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