

TEXAS 4000

FIGHTING CANCER EVERY MILE



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WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2003, Texas 4000 is the longest annual charity bike ride in the world. Pedaling more than 4,000 miles, Texas 4000 is a journey that takes grit, determination, and support – that's why we think of it as a metaphor for the fight against cancer.

Texas 4000 is a community of cancer fighters. We are comprised of student riders, volunteers and community supporters. All members of Texas 4000 are passionate about fighting cancer. Through fundraising, educating, and volunteering we strive to spread hope to those fighting cancer.

The Texas 4000 family also consists of those who support our cause, including our board of directors, sponsors and partners at MD Anderson as well as countless host families, donors, and volunteers who help make the annual Texas 4000 ride from Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska a reality every year.

OUR MISSION

Texas 4000 is dedicated to fight cancer by sharing **HOPE, KNOWLEDGE, and CHARITY**. We cultivate the next generation to lead the fight against cancer through our cornerstone event, a more than 4,000 mile bike ride from Austin to Anchorage.

We share **HOPE** by letting those touched by cancer know that people like us are riding for them and are determined to eliminate the disease. We share **KNOWLEDGE** by bringing life-saving information about cancer prevention to communities large and small. We share **CHARITY** by making a commitment to support cancer research and lead the charge in overcoming cancer. Our goal is to ensure our fundraising dollars are donated to the most effective initiatives towards fighting cancer.

Over the past thirteen years, Texas 4000 has proudly raised more than \$7 million for the fight against cancer.

BIKE ROUTES

THE TEXAS 4000 TEAM

COVERS 20 STATES AND 5 CANADIAN TERRITORIES

Major Cities on the Sierra Route:

Austin, TX
Lubbock, TX
Santa Fe, NM
Henderson, NV
South Lake Tahoe, CA
San Francisco, CA
Portland, OR
Seattle, WA
Vancouver, BC
Prince George, BC
Whitehorse, YT
Anchorage, AK

Major Cities on the Rockies Route :

Austin, TX
Dallas, TX
Oklahoma City, OK
Colorado Springs, CO
Denver, CO
Calgary, AB
Vancouver, BC
Prince George, BC
Whitehorse, YT
Anchorage, AK

Major Cities on the Ozarks Route :

Houston, TX
New Orleans, LA
Memphis, TN
St. Louis, MO
Chicago, IL
Milwaukee, WI
Minneapolis, MN
Whitehorse, YT
Anchorage, AK



TEXAS 4000 FUN FACTS

THE RIDE IS OVER TWICE AS LONG AS THE TOUR DE FRANCE.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEXAS 4000 RIDE.

Each day the team members will dedicate their rides to different people in memory or honor of a cancer fighter. This year they will dedicate the ride to more than 4,000 people.

The riders will pedal at elevations ranging from 500 feet to 14,000 feet.

The team will consume more than 10,000 energy bars and more than 700 gallons of PureSport sports drink.

THE TEAM WILL MEET THOUSANDS OF CANCER SURVIVORS TO SPREAD THEIR MESSAGE OF HOPE, KNOWLEDGE, AND CHARITY.

At their highest latitude, the riders will pedal within 300 miles of the Arctic Circle.

Thus far, we have raised more than \$7 million dollars in the fight against cancer. Proceeds support many programs, including cutting-edge cancer research initiatives at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Since inception, over 600 team members have ridden more than 2.7 million miles.

The team rides for 70 days through rain, sleet, wind, snow, heat and any other weather imaginable. They will encounter an average of 15 thunderstorms and three hail storms.

THE TEAM WILL USE OVER 35 GALLONS OF THINKSPORT SUNSCREEN.

The team will eat more than 5,000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches throughout the ride.

The team changes an average of 5 flat tires each day.

The trip is more than 4,500 miles. This makes it the longest annual charity bike ride in the world.

ABOUT US



David Chayer
Executive Director, Texas 4000

David Chayer is the Executive Director of Texas 4000, joining the organization in December, 2015. Prior to Texas 4000 for Cancer, he worked at the Council for a Strong America in Washington D.C., served as the Executive Director for the ALS Association Texas Chapter and held multiple senior executive positions with the American Red Cross in: Springfield, Illinois, Corpus Christi, Texas, Washington, D.C. Tallahassee, Florida and Dallas, Texas. In 2006, he was selected to serve on the Red Cross Presidential Advisory Council, providing chapter insight and suggestions to the president and CEO of the American Red Cross.

Originally from St. Anne, Illinois, David holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Blackburn College and a master's degree in Public Administration from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Before joining the nonprofit world, David worked for six years in state and local government in Illinois, including positions with the City of Carbondale, Office of the Lt. Governor, and the Illinois General Assembly. In 2000, David was elected to the Divernon Village Board in his first-ever campaign for public office. He has also served as an adjunct instructor at Blackburn College where he taught State and Local Government. Chayer also served as a volunteer firefighter, and, for five years, served as the head cross country coach at Auburn Junior and Senior High School in Illinois.

He and his wife Crissy reside in Austin, Texas. He has one daughter, Katelyn, and an adopted dog, Barney. David enjoys running, music, traveling and sampling the great places to eat in Austin.



Kathryn Flowers
Program Manager, Texas 4000

Kathryn Flowers is the Program Manager for Texas 4000, where she oversees all aspects of the students' 18-month leadership development program, including their training year, summer ride and grant-making experience. Kathryn completed the ride in 2010 and prior to returning to Texas 4000, she was at World Wildlife Fund in Washington D.C. and the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life in Austin. Kathryn is passionate about the development of student leaders, primarily because she feels her experience during her Texas 4000 ride was a defining personal and professional period of growth.

Kathryn received her bachelor's and her Master's of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin. She is passionate advocate for bicycle safety & infrastructure and environmental conservation. In her free time, she enjoys distance running, cycling, cooking, reading and being outdoors.



Jonathan Christopher "Chris" Condit
Founder, Texas 4000

Chris Condit is the founder of Texas 4000. As a cancer survivor himself, Chris combined two of his passions — fighting cancer and outdoor adventure — to create Texas 4000 during his senior year at the University of Texas. Texas 4000 has grown into an influential nonprofit organization that annually fights cancer. Chris served as Executive Director for Texas 4000 from 2007-2009 and is currently pursuing his Ph.D from The University of Texas at Austin in biomedical engineering. Prior to serving as Executive Director, Chris worked as a research and development engineer with CardioSpectra, Inc. where he developed endoscopic laser imaging systems for minimally invasive diagnosis of cancer, heart disease and other infirmitites.

Condit holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and filed his first patent at age 23. Conit is married and spends his free time with friends biking around Austin, camping and serving his church.

THE FOLLOWING ILLUSTRATES SOME OF THE TEXAS 4000 RIDERS' NEEDS PROVIDED BY IN-KIND SPONSORSHIPS AS WELL AS VARIOUS CHALLENGES THE CYCLISTS WILL FACE ALONG THEIR AUSTIN TO ALASKA TREK:

5,700 GALLONS

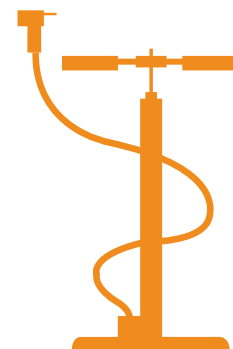
Amount of gas six 12-passenger support vans and three support cars will use. They will drive 9,500+ miles each.



Number of rest stops along the routes where riders need to replenish food and water and repair bikes

5

Average number of flat tires the team changes each day



The team rides for 70 days through rain, sleet, wind, snow, heat and any other weather imaginable. On average, they will encounter:

15 THUNDERSTORMS

3 HAIL STORMS

WIND GUSTS OF UP TO **40 MPH**



TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM **BELOW ZERO** TO **115°**



The team will spend approximately 30 nights camping, 16 nights in a gymnasium, 14 nights with host families, 9 nights in churches and only **ONE** night in a donated hotel room.



5,000

Number of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches the team will eat

35 GALLONS

Amount of sunscreen the team will use



The team will consume

10,000 ENERGY BARS

and drink more than **700 GALLONS** of sport drink mix.