

## AV200 Last Minute

O.K., this is it! I'm now less **than XXXX weeks/days** away from embarking on a 2-day, 200-mile cycling mission to help fund AIDS Vaccine Research at the Emory Vaccine Center in Atlanta and support Atlanta area AIDS service organizations!

On May 16th - 17th, I will be riding my bike 200 miles across Georgia because I believe that I can help researchers at Emory create a vaccine that could very likely end the AIDS pandemic that has plagued this earth since the early 1980's. And we are also supporting nonprofits that are providing critical care to those living with HIV/AIDS, while also working on prevention, education and advocacy to prevent further spread of the disease.

The statistics are sobering:

- Over 1.1 million Americans live with HIV and almost 37 million people live with it worldwide.
- Infection rates in Atlanta and the southeast are at the highest levels in the country.
- The highest infection rates in the southeast are among black males 20-29 years old.
- More information about the disease can be found here: <https://actioncyclingatl.org/about/the-cause/>

100% of the donations raised by the cyclists and volunteers go to the beneficiaries because corporate sponsorships underwrite the entire cost of this cycling event!!

If you have already contributed to any of our riders, thank you! If you can't this year because of other commitments, just send good thoughts to the Georgia countryside on May 16th and 17th for good weather, rider safety, and success for all of the men and women working every day on this vaccine and supporting those living with HIV/AIDS! It really can be done, but it is going to take a little bit from each one of us to make it happen. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

All the best –

[PARTICIPANT NAME & FUNDRAISING LINK]