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Stony Brook University Alum and Family Bike Together to Raise Money for Sarcoma Research and Increase Public Awareness

STONY BROOK, N.Y., April 9, 2003 — Elizabeth (“Liddy”) Shriver, of Jersey City, N.J., who graduated from Stony Brook University in 1987 with a degree in computer science, is battling a rare and dangerous form of cancer called Ewing’s Sarcoma/PNET. Sarcomas arise in the connective tissue of the body such as the fat, blood vessels, nerves and bones. About 1% of the new cancers diagnosed this year will be sarcomas. Because the disease is rare, there is little research directed toward diagnosing and treating it. She and her family are putting together two events to increase public awareness of what has been called “the forgotten cancer” and to raise funds for sarcoma-based research.

One event is a rigorous bike tour being held in connection with the Cycle Zydeco bike tour in which cyclists bike 50/miles a day for four days for a total of 200 miles. The description of the “Team Sarcoma” participation in this bike tour can be located at:

http://theshrivers.us/la_bike_tour.htm. One hundred percent of the donations to this event will go to the “Dr. Mary Louise Keohan Sarcoma Research Fund” at Columbia University.

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The other event is a bike tour through one of the most beautiful areas of Denmark. This bike tour is described at: http://theshrivers.us/danish_bike_tour.htm. This is a family-oriented bike tour. The riders see many Danish sites, stay at some traditional Danish inns and have traditional Danish meals. One hundred percent of the donations to this event will go to the Sarcoma Foundation of America.

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