



Dream Ride Experience Raises \$2 Million for Special Olympics

See how a TD partnership goes the extra mile to enrich the community

Earlier this month, TD Employees and their families came out for the 18th annual Dream Ride Experience—a weekend-long motorcycle rally that benefits Special Olympics and The Hometown Foundation. The Farmington, CT event drew a crowd of 10,000 and raised more than \$2 million, and was yet another example of how TD partnerships go beyond business to enrich the communities we serve.

TD sponsored the event on behalf of Bozzuto's Inc., one of the Northeast's largest food distributors—and a TD Asset Based Lending client. Owner Michael Bozzuto began the Dream Ride in 2001 when he co-created The Hometown Foundation as a way to give back to the community. The foundation supports veterans, children in need, individuals with intellectual disabilities and serious illnesses, first responders, and animal rescue organizations.



The 40-mile "Dream Ride" kicked off the weekend, with a route that wound through the Connecticut countryside and included more than 2,000 motorcycles and hundreds of sports cars. Other activities included a petting zoo, a chili cook-off, concerts, and a basketball tournament featuring former NBA players. An exotic car show was a highlight of the weekend—especially for the Special Olympics athletes who got to ride in the cars with their families.

Several car dealerships from across the Northeast participated in the event, including McLaren of Boston, a TD Auto Finance customer. "Our New England TDAF team is very proud to be a part of the Dream Ride Experience," said Dan Tate, TDAF Head of US Sales-East. "They love being here, as it brings our One TD culture to life." Tate adds: "Not only is this a fantastic reason to bring our teams together, but it continues to put our communities and our Customers first."



"The Bozzuto's family and The Hometown Foundation are proud to support Special Olympics. Being able to create the Dream Ride Experience for these amazing athletes and individuals is what it's all about," says Michael Bozzuto, CEO of Bozzuto's Inc. "And we can't say enough about our partnership with TD that extends beyond business into our community to bring people together to accomplish great things."

While the annual Dream Ride Experience is The Hometown Foundation's signature event, other events are held throughout the year. Since its founding, The Hometown Foundation has raised \$7.7 million to support Special Olympics.