



Dear (Insert Name),

I'm writing to let you know I have committed to cycling across the United States this summer in support of people with disabilities! Since starting school at College of Charleston, I have joined Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, the only national fraternity to establish its own philanthropic organization, The Ability Experience. The Ability Experience is a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 1977 and committed to providing shared experiences between the members of Pi Kappa Phi and people with disabilities.

For more than 30 years, members of Pi Kappa Phi have been taking on a 3,000-mile trek across the country to spread the message of acceptance and understanding for people with disabilities on event called Journey of Hope. This summer, I will join one-hundred other students and alumni from around the country on one of three routes, each beginning on the west coast and ending together in Washington, DC. Averaging 70 miles a day, my teammates and I will all ride across deserts, over mountains, and through the rain and heat. While this may seem like an impossible challenge, it is nothing compared to the obstacles faced everyday by people with disabilities.

Throughout the summer, we will engage with local communities at events called *Friendship Visits*. These can include activities like bowling, dance parties, cookouts and sports. They are all about creating meaningful shared experiences and embracing the abilities of all people.

Even with many generous supporters for meals and lodging along the way, there are still significant costs to an event of this magnitude. As part of the commitment, every cyclist is required to raise \$6,000 prior to the start of the summer. However, I have set a personal goal of raising \$7,500! The funds I raise help make this incredible service-leadership opportunity possible and directly benefit people with disabilities. We are even able to present grants to many local disability organizations that we visit!

I am making a personal appeal to my friends and family to join me in my efforts for this great cause. Please support me in helping others by making a tax-deductible contribution of \$50, \$100, or even \$250 to The Ability Experience. To learn more and donate, visit my fundraising page at <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/JOH-Mixson>. Checks can be made payable to The Ability Experience with **JOH - Harry Mixson** in the memo. If you have any questions or just want to talk, please contact me at (xxx) xxx-xxxx or [hmixon@pikapp.org](mailto:hmixon@pikapp.org).

Thank you for your time and support!

Sincerely,

L. Harry Mixson