

Charleston Habitat & Sea Island Habitat for Humanity
Welcome “Rider for Humanity”

Lone Rider Makes a Stop in Charleston on his 1,000 Mile Ride to New Orleans

JOHNS ISLAND, SC – Charleston & Sea Island Habitat for Humanity are pleased to welcome David Loar as he rides from Myrtle Beach, SC to New Orleans, LA to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity’s Musicians’ Village.

David Loar, a former South Carolina resident and 51 year old actor with the Blackfriars Resident Troupe of the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, VA, will leave Myrtle Beach on February 4 and will arrive in Charleston on the afternoon of February 5. After a day in Charleston, David will be joined by local cyclist and member of the Charleston Habitat for Humanity Board of Director, Michael Dennis, as well as other members of Charleston Moves, as he rides out of Charleston to Beaufort. They will leave Marion Square at 10am on Thursday, February 7. David will continue and hopes to arrive in New Orleans on or about March 1, 2007.

After Hurricane Katrina, David, like many other Americans, felt the need to do something to help. Outraged at the official “response,” David drove to New Orleans in December of 2005 and worked for three weeks in the Upper Ninth Ward. The experience was so moving, Loar knew he had to return to New Orleans to help once again and he thought about what he could do – and he said, “I can still ride a bike.” When he heard about the Habitat for Humanity Musicians’ Village, his desire to help and his love for New Orleans, for music, and for bicycling, coalesced into a single idea: the 1,000 Mile “Ride for Humanity.”

With a goal of raising \$75,000 (enough for one Habitat House in the Musician’s Village), David hopes to inspire others to ride with him and if they cannot do that – maybe they can donate funds for his mission.

Details:

Arrival: David Loar will arrive in Charleston on Monday, February 5. He will be welcomed during a private reception with Charleston & Sea Island Habitat members and volunteers. While in town, David can be reached by contacting his cell phone at (434) 466-6496.

Departure: Wednesday, February 7 – ride out of Charleston, leaving from Marion Square at 10am with local rider Michael Dennis who also rode to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Additional riders from Charleston Moves, as well as any one from the public who is interested in cycling out of Charleston towards Beaufort is welcome to join!

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Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical, Christian housing ministry open to all. The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness, and to make decent housing a matter of conscience in our community. Established in 1976, Habitat for Humanity builds in every state and in more than 90 countries.