



# THE MISS AMERICA ORGANIZATION

## MISS OHIO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PRESS RELEASE

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### Miss Ohio Bike Tour

#### Miss Ohio 2011 Ellen Bryan to ride 850 miles for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals

**August 9, 2011** - Miss Ohio 2011 Ellen Bryan will be launching her statewide bike tour to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) of Ohio. She will begin at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus at 8:30 am. During the 27 day trip, she will visit all six (6) Hospitals in Ohio, stopping in 45 cities along the way.

Her tour will take her to Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, The Children’s Medical Center of Dayton, Mercy Children’s Hospital in Toledo, Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital in Cleveland and Akron Children’s Hospital.

Bryan will be joined by Miss Ohio contestants, volunteers and local dignitaries as she makes her way across Ohio. She will average forty (40) miles per day and hopes to raise \$100,000. “I am thrilled to have this opportunity to raise funds and awareness for the CMNH and to meet the citizens of Ohio,” stated Bryan. “I have met so many amazing children, families and volunteers through the CMNH. As Miss Ohio, my goal is to raise money to bring resources and relief to the children who are part of the CMNH.”

The generous donations, services and resources of sponsors AMP Public Power Partners, Walmart, The American Legion and First Financial Bank have made this tour possible. Their incredible support will allow one hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds raised during the Miss Ohio Bike Tour to be donated directly to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals through the Miss America Organization.

Follow [missohiobiketour.com](http://missohiobiketour.com) to see when she’ll be in a city near you and to see her daily progress videos and blogs as she travels across Ohio. Events will be held in communities throughout the tour with an opportunity to meet Bryan and make a donation to support CMNH. Read more about Bryan at [ellenbryan.com](http://ellenbryan.com).

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is the official national platform of the Miss America Organization. The Miss America Organization has a 22-year history working with CMNH and encourages all of their local and state contestants to volunteer and raise funds for CMNH.

The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance

Bryan will be representing Ohio at the Miss America Pageant on January 14, 2012 live from Las Vegas on ABC.

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# 2011 Bike Tour Route

27 days . . . 45 cities . . . 850 miles

Monday, August 29, 2011 - Saturday September 24, 2011

Support Miss Ohio 2011, Ellen Bryan,  
as she bikes to each Children's Miracle  
Network Hospital in the state of Ohio.

For a detailed schedule of appearances visit:  
[www.missohiobiketour.com](http://www.missohiobiketour.com)



To bring Miss Ohio to your event, email [bookmissohio@missohio.org](mailto:bookmissohio@missohio.org) or call (419) 522-6677

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## FROM 2011 MISS OHIO ELLEN BRYAN:

I first began volunteering for Dayton Children's Hospital in 2009. For the past two years, I've had the honor of being able to meet many children who are either currently going through treatments in the hospital or have beaten an illness at a young age.

The strength and spirit of these children is astounding. They are fighters who truly appreciate every moment in life. They've inspired me – and I know I'm not the only one who is touched by their stories.

As Miss Ohio 2011, I realized that it's time I do more to help these children. One way to help is by raising money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) to help to fund research and provide new technology for the hospitals.

That's why I decided to ride my bike around the state of Ohio in dedication to the CMNH patients. My goal is to raise both funds and awareness for these children. Riding nearly 900 miles on my bike in less than 27 days will be a challenge – but it won't be anything close to what so many of the patients face every day.

Please join me in helping these children! You can go online and make a donation to the CMNH through my website. Every little bit helps and with your support I know we'll make a difference in these children's lives! See you on the road!

Ellen Bryan  
Miss Ohio 2011

## PURPOSE OF BIKE TOUR:

The purpose of the 2011 Miss Ohio Bike Tour is to raise money and awareness for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the Miss America Scholarship Program. The money will be used by the Children's Hospitals to help fund research and treatment for those children in need of medical care.

The national Miss America Scholarship Program is the proud sponsor of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals which provides funds to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) all across the United States. Since its formation in 1983, the CMNH has raised over \$4.3 billion dollars for the Children's Hospitals.

Ellen Bryan, Miss Ohio 2011, and the Board of Directors of the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program (MOSP) desire to increase the organizations participation in helping to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH). The Board has therefore approved Ellen's plan to conduct a bike tour that will make stops at all six (6) Children's Hospitals in Ohio. The intent of Ellen and the MOSP Board is to raise awareness of the need to support the Children's Hospitals through either monetary contributions or volunteering.



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## GOALS OF THE TOUR:

RAISING AWARENESS: During a time when our nation's economy has families and companies "tightening their belts," it is important to remember that children are still in need of the quality medical care that the network of Children's Hospitals provides.

RAISING MONEY: One of the specific goals of this bike tour is to raise a minimum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the Miss America Organization

Ellen's hope is that the Bike Tour does not reduce contributions normally given by companies and individuals that already give to the CMNH, but rather inspires those individuals and companies that have not contributed in the past to contribute whatever they can afford to give.

VOLUNTEERING: It is also Ellen's hope that although not everyone will volunteer directly in the hospitals, there are ways to volunteer in their own community.



## TOUR SPONSORS:

The following companies and individuals have provided funds and services to the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program to pay the costs of the 2011 Miss Ohio Bike Tour. Due to these generous Sponsor contributions, one hundred (100%) percent of all proceeds raised during the bike tour will be donated directly to the Children's Miracle Network for the benefit of the six (6) Children's Hospitals in Ohio.



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## TOUR SCHEDULE:





(Locations and Times Pending)

On each of the days listed below; Miss Ohio 2011 Ellen Bryan, her family, friends, and special guests, will ride bicycles from city to city raising money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Contributions can be made directly online at:




[www.missamericaforkids.org/m.aspx?i=76774FACC6C864](http://www.missamericaforkids.org/m.aspx?i=76774FACC6C864)

Fund Raising Events are planned for each of the stops listed below:




Monday, August 29

-  Nationwide Children's Hospital
-  Circleville
-  School
-  Washington Courthouse



Tuesday, August 30

-  Wilmington
-  School
-  Lebanon




Wednesday, August 31

-  Mason
-  School
-  Cincinnati

Thursday, September 1

-  Cincinnati Children's Hospital
-  Cincinnati Reds (12:35 pm Phillies)

Friday, September 2

-  Hamilton
-  School
-  West Carrollton

Saturday, September 3

-  Dayton Children's Hospital
-  Wal-Mart Fundraiser
-  Dayton Dragons (7 pm LAN)

Sunday, September 4

-  Troy (Wal-Mart Fundraiser)
-  Piqua (Dairy Queen Fundraiser)

Monday, September 5 (Labor Day Holiday)

-  New Bremen (Dairy Queen Fundraiser)
-  Celina (American Legion Fundraiser)





Tuesday, September 6

-  Van Wert
-  School
-  Paulding






Wednesday, September 7

-  Defiance
-  School
-  Napoleon


Thursday, September 8






-  Bowling Green
-  School
-  Perrysburg
-  Toledo

Friday, September 9

-  Mercy Children's Hospital
-  Oak Harbor
-  School
-  Port Clinton
-  Cedar Point

Saturday, September 10

-  Huron
-  Amherst

 Lunch Appearance    Dinner Appearance    Passing through the City    CMNH Visit    School


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Sunday, September 11

 Browns – Bengals Game (1 pm)



Monday, September 12

 Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital  
 School





Tuesday, September 13

 Hudson  
 Cuyhoga Falls  
 School  
 Akron



Wednesday, September 14

 Akron Children's Hospital  
 Zanesville

Thursday, September 15

 Wadsworth (Lion's Club Lunch-In)  
 Massillon  
 School  
 Canton



Friday, September 16

 School  
 Uhrichville

Saturday, September 17

 Newton Falls Community Center  
 Youngstown State Football Game (4pm)

Sunday, September 18

 New Philadelphia  
 Dover

Monday, September 19

 Orrville  
 Wooster

Tuesday, September 20

 Ashland  
 Mansfield




Wednesday, September 21

 Galion (Craig Smith RV Fundraiser)  
 Marion




Thursday, September 22






 Propsect  
 School  
 Delaware

Friday, September 23

 Westerville  
 Visit to NCH with OSU Players  
 OSU Alumni Event

Saturday, September 24

 Alumni Breakfast  
 Ohio State Football Game  
 OSU Alumni Event

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