

# “Promoting the safety of bicyclists”



**The David D. Hammar Foundation, A NJ Non-Profit Corporation**

## Our Story

On September 21, 2006, David D. Hammar was involved in an accident while riding his bicycle. He was riding for health reasons and was excited to start a new job the following Monday. He was thrown to a temporary death on the side of the road, then revived by paramedics who responded very quickly. His heart was beating once again and he was breathing on his own, only, his brain was severely injured. He was rushed to the hospital in a helicopter and was diagnosed with severe brain trauma and eminent brain death. He clung to life for the rest of the day but began to show signs of brain death that evening. We arranged for organ donation

which took place on September 22 and he was deceased following surgery. His liver and both kidneys were immediately transplanted into 3 people, and some of his tissues may be used in the future.

We, the family, responded to this tragedy by creating The David D. Hammar Foundation, founded in January 2007. Our mission is multifaceted. We are determined to support the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians on the roadways and to promote the education of the public on safety procedures. We are dedicated to promoting bike lane projects, encourage helmet use, support local rescue squads, promote organ donation, provide schol-

arships for outstanding student athletes, support local humane societies and other charitable donations as deemed necessary by the community and our supporters.

Accidents involving bicycles and cars not only affect the rider and the rider's family. The person driving the car has to live the rest of their life knowing that they were unintentionally involved in an accident with a bicyclist. It could happen to anyone of us and we want to prevent such tragedies from both ends. We want to take a proactive approach in the prevention of accidents by promoting awareness of both cyclist and driver on safety procedures and sharing the road.

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David D. Hammar, "The man behind the mission"

## We Need Your Help!

Because we are so new, we are asking for input from the cyclists in our Community. We welcome any ideas or issues that you have to deal with as a rider on public roads. We, ourselves, are not bike riders

but we are drivers. It would be unfair for us to advocate issues that may not be important to the avid cyclists out there. We want to help and become a voice for you and your peers. We have the drive

and passion to make a difference, but we need some help with direction.

All of our contact information can be found on our website. We thank you in advance for your input!!



## April is "National Donate Life Month"

Organ donation saves lives! April is Nationally recognized as Donate Life Month. It is a time to remember and honor individuals who have made the choice to share their organs and also to show our support to those who are waiting for their second chance.

Our personal experience with my father and the NJ Sharing Network was more than we could have imagined. The nurses and representatives were compassionate and answered all of our questions during such a tough time. We are proud to know that, what became such a tragic day for us, turned

into a joyful one for the families of the three people who received his kidneys and liver.

More information about organ donation can be found at: [www.sharenj.org](http://www.sharenj.org) and in the pamphlets included in this newsletter. We urge you to fill out the organ donor registry form provided by the NJ Sharing Network and spread the word!



## Recycling for Cycling

The founding process for non-profit organizations is costly. Between incorporation, legal advice, IRS applications and supplies, the costs can be overwhelming. To help defray the costs of founding our Organization, we have started an aluminum can drive. We are currently set up to receive soda and other beverage cans for the time being. We have already received lots of cans from our Community and we thank those who have donated tremendously!!

These items can either be dropped off at:

360 West Mill Rd.  
Long Valley, NJ 07853

Or call us at (908) 867-7024 and we will gladly come pick them up!



## A Little More About David

Anybody who knew David could tell that you he loved to have a great time and his joy and energy was always contagious. It wouldn't be uncommon to walk into the backyard and find him singing loudly along with a classic rock song as he was working on one his various projects. David also always stayed very involved in athletics and farm activities throughout his life. Whether he was rushing home from work to get to a

baseball practice or getting up early on a Sunday morning and heading to the barn to help his daughter out by working to help payoff her horse, he would do these things happily and with no complaints. He was involved in so many different things all the time, that one would be hard pressed to try to keep up with him if they tried.



"A Good Father and a Hard Worker"

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