



Cyclist wheeling across Canada

A 36-year-old aerospace engineer from Minnesota who is riding his bike across Canada to raise money for the fight against Huntington's Disease will pedal his way through Mississauga today.

To date, Kevin Glenney has ridden 5150 kilometres of his 8300-kilometre journey and has raised \$14,217 towards his goal of \$30,000. He departed from Vancouver on June 4 and his ride will continue until he reaches Cape Spear, Nfld., the eastern most point of North America.

Today, Glenney will make his way through Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, Mississauga and Etobicoke into downtown Toronto. It's expected he'll roll down Lakeshore Rd. through Port Credit and Clarkson sometime between 1-2 p.m.

"Huntington's has profoundly impacted my family and, until recently, I didn't even know about it," said Glenney, who lost both his grandfather and great-grandfather to the disease. "When I suggested to my dad that I was going to ride across Canada and was looking for a cause, he suggested the Huntington Society. Now I'm learning a lot about the disease, the people it affects, and my family."

Meanwhile, Glenney has mounted an android phone to his bike and keeps his GPS tracker on so his website followers can see where he is and how fast he's moving in real time. This has allowed him to keep statistics like distance traveled, longest one day distance (226 kilometres), top speed (47 miles per hour) and max cumulative daily vertical ascent (10,832 feet).

Glenney was raised on a berry farm in Dunnville, Ont. and received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in aerospace engineering from Carleton University in Ottawa. He is also a commercial pilot who has also lived in France and Brazil.

Huntington's Disease is an inherited brain disorder that causes cells in specific parts of the brain to die. About one in every 10,000 people has Huntington's. At the moment there are no treatments that will slow down or stop the disease in humans but various promising treatment strategies are now in the drug discovery pipeline.

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