



Canadian is rolling 5,100 miles to raise awareness for Huntington's disease

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An aerodynamics engineer from Canada has embarked on a solo three-month bike journey across North America to raise funds and awareness for Huntington's disease.

Kevin Glenney, 36, was about 500 miles shy of having completed half of his 5,100 mile coast-to-coast bicycle ride Tuesday as he rolled through Little Falls. Glenney began his adventure in Vancouver June 4, and has been averaging 70-130 miles on a bike seat each day since then. He plans to keep up this pace until he reaches St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. "Before this ride 105 miles was the longest I had ever rode at once," Glenney said with a grin. "I had never even done an overnight-ride prior to this."

Glenney has been planning this ride for 10 years he said. It has been one of his life dreams.

Glenney has an immense passion for adventure and raising awareness for Huntington's disease, a debilitating disease that leads to premature death which runs in his family.

"My father's grandfather and father were both stricken with the disease and suffered early deaths," Glenney said. "My father's sister and one of his brothers have also been diagnosed with the disease."

Earlier this year, Glenney's dad shared with him and his sisters his fear of passing the disease on to his children. Although Glenney has not been tested for Huntington's disease, he has not shown any symptoms.

Glenney has been sharing his story with people he has met during his trek. He also hands out small cards with information on how to donate to the Huntington Society of Canada on one side and a photograph taken during his ride on the other.

Glenney said this journey has already brought him unimaginable adventures. "I have slept close to black bears, been caught in storms, and met so many interesting and great people," he said.

Glenney intended to do this ride alone but has met bikers along the way with similar agendas, who he sometimes rides with.

Along the way, Glenney has been camping and staying with friends, "or friends of friends."

Currently Glenney has raised \$5,346 and hopes to reach \$30,000 by the end of his trip.

Anyone can follow Glenney's journey and donate to his cause online at www.kevinglenney.com, where he blogs and posts pictures.



Kevin Glenney, stopped in Little Falls Tuesday before continuing his three-month bike ride to St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.