



A Trinity Lutheran Preschool March Mission Project for 2011-2012 School Year

Trike-A-Thon teaches kids about safety and charity

For more than 20 years, children around the country have helped raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital simply by learning bicycle and tricycle safety.

Trike-A-Thon is a special program developed for early childhood educators and childcare centers to teach children riding safety tips while helping to continue St. Jude's efforts of eradicating childhood catastrophic diseases.

The program is a week-long activity involving young children, their parents and teachers. Trike-A-Thon introduces key concepts of riding safety, and concludes with a fun-filled event where the participants bring their riding toys from home and show off the skills they have learned. In addition to learning how to stay safe, the children also learn about helping others through gaining sponsorships from friends and family for St. Jude.

Over 8,600 preschools and daycare centers across America participate in the Trike-A-Thon program. Their efforts contribute more than \$7.7 million to St. Jude every year.

"St. Jude Trike-A-Thons are a remarkable learning experience for young children," said David L. McKee, chief operating officer of ALSAC, the fundraising organization for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "The program is a wonderful way to teach bike safety, while also instilling in children the important lesson of helping others."

Last year the Preschool raised \$1,700 for St. Jude!

2011-2012 Trike-A-Thon and Family Picnic will be March 23 at 6:00pm