



In this time of great need, when families are losing their homes and their jobs, the smallest victims can have the deepest suffering. Children of homeless families are not only displaced from their safe living arrangements, but often fall between the cracks of the school system. Fortunately, there is a place of hope and caring for them in Sacramento: the Mustard Seed School. As part of the Loaves and Fishes community services, Mustard Seed provides much-needed nurturing in addition to an educational curriculum that helps their transition back to public school. The school receives no public funding and relies on private donations to continue their operations. They have seen a sharp increase in enrollment as our economy has worsened.

The Mustard Seed Spin is celebrating its 5th year in 2009. This charity bike ride was created in order to generate a donation to the school, but also to get kids and families out on their bikes in an organized cycling event. This year's Spin will take place on September 27, 2009 and starts at William Pond Park.

This fun community event has grown every year since its inception in 2005. We are especially proud of our scholarship program, which provides bikes, helmets and rider fees for up to 50 underprivileged children from our community. The ride includes helmet and bike checks, safety instruction, refreshments, and a bike raffle and silent auction. Last year, we had 630 registered riders and made a \$29,000 donation to the school.

We know that all Americans are concerned about the current economic crisis and each of us is looking at how we can tighten our belts. Nevertheless, we are hopeful that we can maintain the momentum of the Mustard Seed Spin, and we would be honored if you would consider being part of this exciting event. Donations help pay for the costs of the ride (T-shirts, permits, insurance, etc.) and all rider fees and unused donations are paid directly to the school. The levels of sponsorship are as follows and include market value of any in-kind donations:

Bronze: \$100 - \$249	Silver: \$250 - \$499
Gold: \$500 - \$999	Platinum: \$1,000 - \$2,499
Titanium: \$2,500 and greater	

Businesses will be recognized on our website with a link to yours, if desired. You will be listed on our printed material, on our T-shirts, and we would love to have your banner to display on ride day. All contributors are also welcome with their tent or table at the ride.

We invite you to be part of this inspiring event, where kids ride for kids!

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