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**Annual Fenner Ride to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – More than 400 cyclists from around the region are expected to participate in the annual Fenner Ride in Milton, Fla. on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

The century ride, benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida, begins at Guy Thompson Community Center at 5629 Byrom St., Milton, Fla. A portion of the ride will be on the Blackwater State Heritage Trail, selected as one of Florida's most scenic greenways. The ride routes are broken down into four distances of 18, 40, 62, and 100 miles.

Early registration is \$45 through October 17<sup>th</sup>, \$55 thereafter, and includes a t-shirt, rest stops, limited sag support, and a post-ride meal. Registration on the day of the ride begins at 6:30 a.m. at Guy Thompson Community Center. Participants can register online at [www.bbbsnwfl.org](http://www.bbbsnwfl.org) or by contacting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida at 850-433-5437.

Proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida. Fenner Ride is hosted in conjunction with the Beaches to Woodlands Tour in Santa Rosa County and the West Florida Wheelmen. Sponsorships are available. Please contact Courtney Cook, Vice President of Development at [ccook@bbbsnwfl.org](mailto:ccook@bbbsnwfl.org) or 850-433-5437 for more information.

Fenner Ride is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Fenner McConnell and Matt Wantz. Both men were avid cyclists and former members of the West Florida Wheelmen. A hit-and-run driver killed Dr. Fenner McConnell, a medical examiner for a four-county district in the Panhandle, in 1998 as he rode his bicycle across Bob Sikes Bridge. Matt Wantz was tragically killed while working in a local bike shop.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida has been the area's leader in one-to-one mentoring for 29 years by serving children ages 6 to 18. Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Last year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida served 616 children in Northwest Florida.

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