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Amazon Heart Thunder 2008 U.S. Fact Sheet

Who: Twenty breast cancer survivors from the U.S. and Australia on Harley-Davidson motorcycles and two support vehicles driven by breast cancer survivors.

What: Over 800-mile motorcycle ride from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

Why: They're riding for many personal reasons: renewed passion for life, facing fears, embracing freedom and treating life as an amazing journey. As a group, they'll raise awareness of the unique needs of young women living with breast cancer; challenge stereotypes about the disease; and raise funds for causes that help women living with it. The U.S. ride benefits the Young Survival Coalition and Amazon Heart peer support activities. Amazon Heart is also the event's organizer.

When: September 6 - 13, 2008

Where: Sep. 6: Los Angeles to Ventura
Sep. 7: Ventura to Buellton
Sep. 8: Buellton to Cambria
Sep. 9: Cambria to Monterey
Sep. 10: Monterey to Santa Cruz to Palo Alto
Sep. 11: Palo Alto to Walnut Creek to Benicia
Sep. 12: Benicia to Vallejo to Rohnert Park
Sep. 13: Rohnert Park to San Francisco

Online: Learn about the ride and donate at www.amazonheartthunder.org
Learn about breast cancer and connect at www.amazonheart.org and www.youngsurvival.org

U.S. Breast Cancer Facts:

- A woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every 3 minutes.
- The American Cancer society estimates over 240,000 will be diagnosed and over 40,000 will die this year.
- 1 in 8 will be diagnosed in their lifetime. Up from 1 in 11 in 1975.
- More than 250,000 women under the age of 40 have been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Young women with breast cancer have greater unmet needs, more unhappiness and more financial stress than older women with the disease.
- Young women with breast cancer experience social isolation because they feel "different" from their peers and are unlikely to know and receive support from peers who are also in their situation.

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