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Iron Order Motorcycle Club raises \$3,000 for The Jonnycake Center of Westerly

The \$3,000 grant will support Jonnycake Programs meeting needs of the community

Bradford, RI, September 23, 2017 – The Iron Order Motorcycle Club gathered for the 5th consecutive year for The Jonnycake Motorcycle Run, raising \$3,000 on the day's ride and raffle and continuing their tradition of demonstrated support in meeting the needs of the Westerly community.

This year, the Iron Order Independence crew of Rhode Island hosted The Jonnycake Motorcycle Rally at the Bradford Social Club where Iron Order members from New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, and Maine gathered to participate in the charity ride supporting their mission to “participate in charity events for the good of their communities and for the good of individuals in need.” Funds raised on the day's ride will support Jonnycake Food Pantry and Social Service programs working to sustain neighbors facing challenging hardships, and preventing families and individuals from falling into poverty.

‘The Jonnycake Center is once again hugely grateful to the Iron Order Motorcycle Club for their wonderful donation, and their commitment to our organization, mission, programs and services. We very much appreciate this long-term, growing relationship and look to doing even more with the Club in the future.’ – states Lee Eastbourne, Executive Director of the Jonnycake Center.

Over 50 bikes and 100 riders rode through the rural country and seaside roads on their hour ride, rolling through Bradford, Charlestown Misquamicut, Watch Hill, and Hopkinton. The Iron Order Motorcycle Club is made up of men from all walks of life and occupations including veterans, active duty military, construction workers, truck drivers, business men, cops, federal employees, and cooks. Members receive a skull bead to wear on a vest tassel for each 100+ mile charity ride they participate in. Iron Order wives and girlfriends can become Maidens and participate in the charity rides, as well as preparing event meals and raffles. Raffle items this year included cheese plates, chords of wood, gift certificates for tattoos, and forged knives made of Rhode Island railroad ties, locally made by Rhode Island Chapter President, Knapper.

“As a motorcycle club or ‘MC’ we are often times perceived by the community as outlaws and hoodlums so this is our way of trying to change that and show that we are just local guys and ladies that get up every morning to go to work and that we live normal law abiding lives. The only difference is our love for motorcycles and the awesome brotherhood that we get from being in a club. We are not a 1% or ‘outlaw’ club

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and we are totally independent from other clubs. We are nationwide and raise money for charities all over the world. To us it's a win/win situation. It gives us a reason to ride together and do some good for the community at the same time. The Jonnycake Center is an awesome organization and full of great people and we are proud to be able to help them," said Knapper President IOMC Westerly RI chapter.

About The Jonnycake Center of Westerly

Since 1975, The Jonnycake Center of Westerly's mission has been to provide comprehensive assistance and services, in cooperation with other local agencies, to people in crisis in the communities of Westerly, Charlestown, Richmond and Hopkinton, Rhode Island. We work with each individual to find a path from dependency toward self-sufficiency. Through our Social Service Programs and Food Pantry we are able to provide food, clothing, household items, educational and financial assistance to individuals and families in need. Additionally, through the sale of donated items to our Thrift Store, we are able to use proceeds to support our operating costs, thereby allowing us to invest the majority of our fundraisings in our clients. Learn more about The Jonnycake Center of Westerly at www.jonnycake.org.

