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Fundraiser and cancer survivor turns his passion for cycling into a lifeline for patients

While many people's most vivid childhood memories often involve birthday parties or the first day of school, Neill Spencer's clearest flashbacks are of blood donation clinics and sugary snacks.

As a kid, Neill accompanied his father to his blood donation appointments and always imagined that when he was old enough, he would become a blood donor himself. Soon after meeting the age requirements for blood donation, Neill was diagnosed with leukemia. Instead of being able to give the gift of life, Neill now had to rely on blood products to survive.

Given the impact that blood products have had on his own life, Neill had long wanted to be able to give back. He decided to launch a fundraising campaign that would pair his passion for cycling with his drive to help patients in need of blood products.

Averaging about 30–60km per ride on his bike — and having raised more than \$2,000 just halfway through his challenge — Neill is well on his way to meeting his goal of \$3,200 by this month.

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