

Kaneff supplies the pedal power for spin on world's largest bike

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The world's largest bicycle, with pedal power supplied by more than 250 Mississauga volunteer riders,

has helped to make a big contribution to the Easter Seal Society.

Thursday, the 34-seat, 34-foot long bicycle was at the Mississauga Civic Centre as part of a promotion by the Royal Bank of Canada to

mark its 125th anniversary.

With the bank's support, the 'Mighty Bike' will visit 125 communities across Canada, starting May 7 in St. John's, Newfoundland, and concluding Aug. 27 in Vancouver. The object is to raise \$1.25 million.

At each stop, such as the one in Mississauga, those who want to ride must donate a minimum \$125 to pay for the fun of going for a spin on what is officially recognized as the world's biggest bicycle.

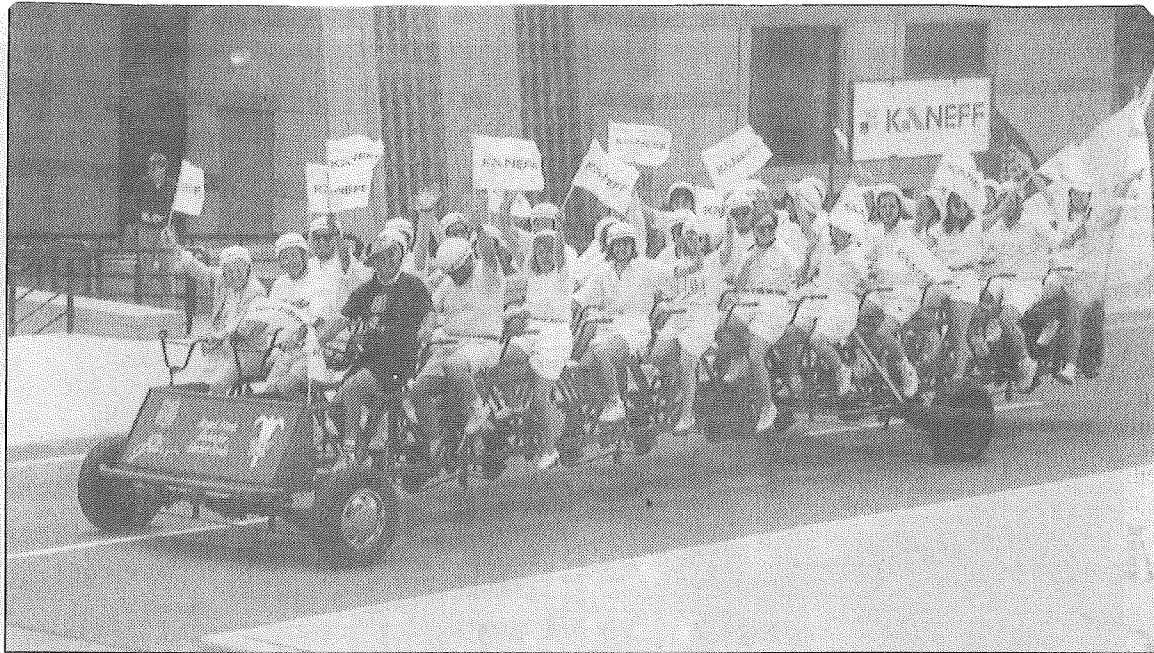
Iggy Kaneff, president of the Kaneff Group of Companies, rented all 34 seats. The bike is designed up to hold 32 riders with two seats at the front for the driver and for a mascot.

With Iggy in the driver's seat and Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion riding shotgun as navigator, Kaneff and his riders made their way around Square One.

A spokesperson for Easter Seals said, "We had set a target of \$32,000 for Mississauga but that was already blown out of the water before the start. We already have a guarantee of \$40,000 — and it could be more before the day is over."

The spokesperson said the money will help children with disabilities in the communities where the funds were raised.

Harry Moll, the builder and owner of the bike, said the vehicle can carry about three tons worth of riders. It was built featuring a unique system of free-wheeling sprockets that enable any rider to stop pedaling without affecting the performance of others.



Staff photo by Fred Loek

The world's biggest bike was rolling in Mississauga Thursday afternoon during a cross-country promotion by the Royal Bank to raise funds for the Easter Seal Society. The Kaneff Group of Companies bought all 34 seats — at \$125 a seat — before hitting the road with (from left) Mayor Hazel McCallion and Iggy Kaneff joining bike owner Harry Moll in the front row.

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