

THE RIDE FOR THEIR LIVES

August 21 –
September 22, 2010

**A Point to Point,
Cross Country Bike Ride to
Raise Awareness and Funds**
advocating for laws and educational initiatives
to protect our children.



About Ride for Their Lives

On August 21, 2010, Ed Smart and Ahmad Rivazfar, both parents of child abduction and abuse victims, will travel across the country by bicycle seeking to raise awareness and funding for the **“Surviving Parents Coalition”** (SPC) child advocacy initiatives. The pair will join other volunteer cyclists on a 3,500-mile journey through 26 cities, from Rochester, N.Y. to Los Angeles, Calif. The awareness campaign, **“Ride for Their Lives,”** seeks to increase public knowledge and \$1,000,000 to help advocate for laws that protect children and fight to eradicate predatory crimes Nation wide.

The Purpose

The purpose of this month-long journey, expected to culminate on September 22, 2010, is to focus on four main legislative issues surrounding child abuse and abduction cases:

- 1. DNA Collection on Felony Arrest** – to lobby for DNA collection on felony arrest, not just on felony conviction. Currently, 23 states have passed some form of DNA on felony arrest legislation, but there are 27 states that should follow suit. www.dnasaves.org.
- 2. Protect our Children Act of 2008** – a law that gives more resources to the investigation and interdiction of child exploitation cases.
- 3. The Adam Walsh Act** – The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, and the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act set minimum standards for a national sex offender’s registration and notification system.
- 4. It takes a Community; “Not ONE More Child”** – A Child Safety Education Initiative that educates and empowers children to recognize, avoid, resist, and escape dangerous situations and violence including bullying, assault, abuse and abduction.

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