

# Bikers revved in Ride For Justice

Leather, denim, tattoos and chains were not an uncommon sight Sunday at Greynolds Park in North Miami Beach, where more than 100 motorcyclists raised money for crime victims.

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The sound of their engines could be heard from blocks away.

Slowly, the roaring got closer and louder.

The bikers came in groups — many clad in leather and denim and sporting colorful tattoos.

These bikers were taking a stand — actually a ride — against domestic violence.

Last Sunday, more than 100 motorcycle enthusiasts took a Ride For Justice through the streets of Miami and ended up at Greynolds Park in North Miami Beach for a bike show, bike demonstrations, food and fun. The event raised between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for Victim Response Inc.'s The Lodge, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse in the north-central Miami-Dade area.

"We had great weather; it was great ride, and it was for a great cause," said Nancy

Matale, a member of Miami HOG Chapter 684, the group who helped plan the event. "We couldn't have asked for a better day."

The 80-mile mystery ride came at the end of National Crime Victim's Awareness Week, which was April 13-18. The ride had another significance, too: It was held in honor of Denise Mori Moore, a local advocate for victims' rights who died last year after a fight with breast cancer.

"This event recognized a great person who worked very hard to help victims of domestic violence," said District 2 Commissioner Sally Heyman, who was the mistress of ceremonies for the park activities.

Matale said the HOG, or Harley Owners Group, was approached by the ability to help with the ride. The planning took about three months.

Angela Diaz-Vidallet, chief executive officer for The Lodge, said she couldn't believe the turnout.

"We count on the support of outside groups to help keep our shelter running," she said. "This a great event that we hope can turn into a yearly occasion."

Between 9 and 11 a.m., riders, who paid \$20 apiece, left



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**HOGS WITH HEARTS:** Precision Thunder Harley-Davidson of Miami Drill Team, above, demonstrates some of its moves. District 2 Commissioner Sally Heyman, left, leans against the bike of Cary Crockett, who won first place in an event at Greynolds Park.

from Peterson's Harley-Davidson of Miami, 19400 NW Second Ave.

The "clad it or get lost" ride took the motorcyclists to Marathon Hammock Park in Old Cutler, Haulover Beach Park and Scotty's Landing in Coconut Grove. At each stop they picked up raffle tickets in order to win prizes later on.

"It's a good excuse to ride,"

Dewey said.

By noon, more than 50 bikers had arrived. The moral on the machines gleamed as riders carefully parked their bikes in a perfect line. Local band Blue Fin Blues performed, and people enjoyed a barbecue feast.

Some bikers participated in a bike show competing for trophies.

Shelby attendees watched

Precision Thunder Harley-Davidson of Miami Drill Team perform a synchronized swimming-like routine on their motorcycles.

Rider Robert Schul said it was all for the cause.

"Everyone has been affected in some way by crime," he said. "This is our way of raising awareness and taking a stand."