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### **Columbia Man Takes Ride for Kids**

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JACKSON, Miss. – Randall Lewis recently went on the ride of his life to help kids.

Inspired by the youth he works with at Life Church in Columbia, Miss., Lewis hopped on his bike and rode nearly 100 miles from Columbia to Gulfport to raise money and awareness for the Life Church Youth Group and Batson Children's Hospital.

Lewis and one of his youth group members, Travon Aikens, recently presented Kitty Cook Ramsey, University of Mississippi Medical Center development officer, with \$1,250 thanks to the support of the generous people in the Columbia and Life Church communities.

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Batson Children's Hospital, part of Children's of Mississippi, is located at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. It is the only hospital in the state devoted exclusively to the care and treatment of sick and injured youngsters. Batson houses the state's only Level I pediatric trauma unit, pediatric intensive care and cardiac intensive care units and our pediatric surgical suite is the only one of its kind offering inpatient clinical care for a wide range of specialty surgeries. The spectrum of care ranges from well-child care for healthy newborns to comprehensive care for cancer, epilepsy, cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia, allergies, diabetes and numerous other childhood illnesses.

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