

ROAD TO DISCOVERY RIDE

June 9, 2015 – Stop in Des Moines, Iowa:

UND Celebration with the Notre Dame Club of Des Moines

Greg Crawford is the current dean of the College of Science at Notre Dame, and since 2010, he has dedicated his summers to cycling across the country to raising awareness and funds for research to find treatments or a cure for Niemann-Pick Type C Disease (NPC). NPC is a rare, genetic cholesterol storage disorder that is always fatal and took the lives of three grandchildren of legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian.

Dean Crawford has biked a total of 11,224 miles since 2010, held events with over 60 Notre Dame alumni clubs, visited over 120 cities, and educated over a million people about NPC and rare diseases. What has been exciting is that his fundraising efforts have supported clinical trials on a drug discovered at ND that will hopefully be a treatment for NPC.

Expanding his fundraising efforts, Dean Crawford will embark upon his final cross-country bike ride to raise \$1 million for rare disease research at Notre Dame's Boler-Parseghian Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases. In May 2015, his journey will take him from Long Island, New York to Pebble Beach, California from May 26-June 2.

On June 9th, Dean Crawford will be stopping in Des Moines as part of his ride and to be our special guest and speaker at the N.D. Club of Des Moines' Universal Notre Dame Celebration. The UND Celebration will be held at Tursi's Latin King Restaurant, at 2200 Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Please see the attached invitation for more information on menu, price and rsvp deadline. Along with the normal UND festivities, Dean Crawford will be speaking about Notre Dame, the bike ride, and how the Boler-Parseghian Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases is a great way that the University "Fight's for the Underdog." Please join us for this special night!

