



Rhiannon Thoresen (AKA:Rhi)

JDRF Wisconsin Chapter

My Story:

- Hometown: New Berlin, WI
- Graduated UW-Madison, Chemistry
- Married to Jon 23 years, 3-Kids: Autumn (17), Cody (15), Easton (12)
- Works at Kimberly-Clark, R&E

JDRF Connections: Christy Fortune, Daughter of my Best Friend, Amber & My Aunt Lori, a T1D for 50+ years



Ride to Cure Journey: After participating in JDRF walks, Amber asked me to sign-up for a JDRF Ride to Cure. Not an athlete nor a cyclist, a 6-month-old baby, terrified of fundraising, and the thought of 100 miles I "politely" declined. After months of nudges and encouragement from my husband, Amber and I signed up for our 1st Ride to Cure. Training was an adventure, and the ride was AMAZING. Amber delivered on her promise, "You'll thank me someday". Now I thank her every day! JDRF has given me so much that I've decided to give back more through coaching.

16 JDRF Rides: Including Lacrosse, Death Valley, Saratoga, Loveland, Lake Tahoe, Virtual '20 & '21, Grand Rapids

3rd Year JDRF Coach: Motivated to help new, junior, and everyday riders achieve JDRF Ride to Cure goals.



Favorite Ride: 507C holds a special place in my heart. In 2015, Amber asked if I'd train and complete a 100-mile ride with my T1D inspiration, 13-year-old Christy. I was honored to wear the Team Fortune bib number 507C.

My JDRF 2023 Rides: I plan to wear the Green Coach Jersey in Lacrosse! I will also return to my rider roots in Burlington.

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