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3,500 Mile *ROMP* Bike Ride to Benefit Amputees

EUGENE, OR – On Saturday, June 19th, 2010 hundreds of community members, cyclists, and amputees from across the Pacific Northwest will join together in support of Range of Motion Project's (ROMP) 3,500 mile bike trek to raise money and awareness for amputees living in the developing world.

RIDING FOR ROMP is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. in Eugene's Skinner Butte Park and end in early September in Zacapa, Guatemala, where the non-profit foundation operates a full-time clinic fabricating and fitting prosthetic limbs for hundreds of amputees annually. Riding For Romp began in 2008 in Kansas City, KS as a community cycling event that not only raised thousands of dollars for ROMP's clinic in Guatemala, but also served to promote health and wellness through cycling.

"We encourage cyclists of all experience levels to join us, whether it's for the whole trip or just one day," said Greg Krupa.

Founded in 2005 by prosthetists Eric Neufeld and David Krupa, ROMP is a volunteer-administered organization with a fully staffed clinic in Guatemala treating hundreds of amputees annually. Recently featured on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, Neufeld traveled to Haiti where he fit two young girls with prosthetic limbs made from 100% recycled materials.

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ROMP volunteers Greg Krupa and Pat Mathay will lead this year's team, which hopes to raise \$50,000. The team is scheduled to stop in 18 cities stateside before entering Mexico. Along their journey, riders will host local events in San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Los Alamos, Santa Barbara, and San Diego.

Riders can participate in any part of the 3,500 mile trek, including day one of the ride from Eugene to Florence, or gather at any of the stopping points, sponsor rides or host community gatherings.

For additional information on the **2010 RIDING FOR ROMP** event or how to donate, please visit www.rompglobal.org or <http://www.rompglobal.org/ridingforromp2010.php>.

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