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Dear Marie

Back in 2014 we said GABRAN came, GABRAN saw, GABRAN conquered....GABRAN WILL RETURN!

True to form – GABRAN returned in 2015 and 2016. We are utterly proud that we have managed to continue this event for the past 3 years!! GABRAN 2017 planning will commence shortly! Of course, none of this would be possible without the kind sponsorship we have received over the last 3 years from many companies and individuals.

#GABRAN2016 was cold, wet and at times, "Midmar Mile Training Camp 2016" may have been more apt as an event name! Eager cyclists gathered at the ATKV in Drakensville on Thursday evening and rekindled the friendships from the year before! Friday morning, registration commenced with a chill factor. Fortunately the polar bears were still sleeping! The cruise to Wagondrift dam with the traditional compulsory grazing stops at Winterton Country Club and Escourt Bowling Club went off without a glitch! Tents were quickly pitched on Day 1, in order to maximize the afternoon...and of course enjoy lunch, afternoon snoozes and then dinner! That evening, Mother Nature, decided to show the cyclist she was still boss, and sent some water downwards! This did not dampen spirits...and Saturday morning we took down wet tents, "packed" them up, and cycled onwards! It is then that we realized Mother Nature's true colours – as she decided that it would now be an appropriate time to send down more H₂O with added gusto, spirit, growls and even more "gees" and she threw it with all her power and might! Many bailed "tent town" at Midmar, checking in to accommodation of brick and stone whilst a few brave "cyclists who can swim" remaining true to "it's not Gabran if you don't camp" camped. Saturday night was not only bitterly cold and soaking wet but also our popular raffle night! Prizes appealed to everyone, and was our best raffle year yet! Tents were flooded, and some cyclists were convinced the Midmar Mile happened in their tiny tents! It was then that we remembered, our slogan 'Love Living Life' and the reason we were all out there in the cold, wet and misty conditions! We had a goal, we had a purpose and we were making a difference!

On behalf of THE COWS – DURBAN HERD, we would like to thank you, Bloss & Co, most sincerely for generously donating a most sought after overnight bag! Our lucky winner was Paula Moore. Thank you for supporting our drive and cause, helping us raise much needed funds for our little superheroes fighting various forms of Cancer! You give them Hope. You give them a Sense of Purpose. You put a smile on their face!
YOU KEEP MORE THAN HOPE ALIVE!

We are humbled that once again we hit R150 000 through our fundraising efforts at #GABRAN2016! This sees our total raised over 3 years at R385 000 – so the challenge will be to top the R500 000 with GABRAN 2017.

Once again, on behalf of THE COWS – DURBAN HERD, we thank you from the bottom of our "hooves and udders" for your support and contribution to the cause!

Best wishes

THE KZN HERD

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