Bike4Alz – 2017

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This Sunday, seven young men from WKU who have been biking across the country in the name of alzheimer’s research will cross the finish line.

Amy Bingham catches up with this year’s Bike4Alz team in this week’s View from the Hill.

For the fifth time since 2010, members of the Fiji fraternity have taken on the Bike4Alz cross country road trip to raise both money and awareness for a disease that affects five million people. Passing through Bowling Green recently, they all agree it’s a labor of love.

 “As soon as we hit Russellville Road it was great. Great to be back where people know us.”

Lots of hugs and high fives for the Bike4Alz team winding down a grueling bike ride across the country.

 “We always like to say no matter how tired we get its nothing compared to how tired the caregivers get.”

Alzheimers awareness events like this one in Bowling Green are a crucial part of the Bike4Alz fundraiser.

 “The money is great but letting people know what alzheimers is is even more important.”

Team member Jonathan Green has a grandmother suffering from the disease.

 “She used to be a math teacher and she was bright going into a stem career especially at her day in that time. Just to see how she’s progressed with alzheimers has just broken our hearts. “

Green is back with the team now, but he broke his clavical in Kansas and was off the trail for a few weeks.

 “The hardest part was the day my grandpa dedicated in honor of my mimi was the day of my surgery so it was tough to miss that.”

Turns out the physical aspect of the journey hasn’t even been the toughest part.

 “just managing school work and where to stay and fundraising has been the most challenging part.”

As the team gets closer to the finish line in Virginia Beach Virginia on July 23rd, they all agree it’s been a life changing trip.

 “I don’t think it’s gonna set in until a couple months after we get done we have actually done.

Came for the adventure but it’s been for more than just our fulfillment.

You can donate to Bike4Alz by logging onto their website bike4alz dot org. Their goal is to raise 100 thousand dollars. All told since 2010, Bike4 Alz has raised 200 thousand dollars for Alzheimers research.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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