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When my cousin, Carl Hubbard, was diagnosed with advanced stage germ cell cancer he turned to Smilow Cancer Hospital for treatment. Although he lost his battle in July of 2012, our family is not only thankful for the support and care that he received at Smilow, but we are also dedicated to finding a cure. Carl's wife, Stacey Hubbard, has been an inspiration to us in starting the "Carl's Crusaders" team for the Closer to Free Ride - and although I've supported those efforts before, 2015 will be my first year participating in the ride.

About that fundraising...I am an avid knitter and crocheter. In fact, I have been participating in hat drives for hospital patients for a while now. In 2014 I was able to donate 46 hand made hats to an organization called "Pat Pat's Hats" -- an organization that was born from another Smilow Family, and CTF Rider, Betsy Holbrook. When I decided to register for this year's Ride, I wanted to have an event that would not only raise money toward my fundraising goal, but would help the patients at Smilow more directly and immediately. I decided to host a "Chemo Caps for Carl" event.

I feel this fundraiser was not only a huge success in that I was able to raise \$400 toward my fundraising goal - - but those that participated were able to crochet 15 chemo caps to be donated directly to Smilow. Some attendees already knew how to crochet - and others I taught on the day of the event. We had a really great event, and at the end of the day, I know that we were able to make an impact.

Now, as I train for the CTF Ride on my first adult bike, and continue to knit and crochet my chemo caps, I truly feel like an official "Crusader" and I know my cousin Carl would be proud.

