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Gord Taylor, left, and Ron Reuvekamp check out a rocking Harley donated to the pediatric program at the Saint John Regional Hospital as part of the 2014 Lana Sherwood Memorial Toy Run. This year's run is scheduled for Saturday.

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Bikers hit Saint John area roads for sick kids

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SAINT JOHN • Burley bikers with big arms and bigger hearts will take to the roads on Saturday to raise funds and supplies for the Child Life department at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

Motorcycle enthusiasts of all kinds are expected to participate in the 22nd Annual Lana Sherwood Memorial Toy Run. The event, sponsored by the Saint John Harley Owner's Group, raises money for the pediatric program at the hospital and collects donated toys for sick children. It is held in memory of motorcycle rider Lana Sherwood, who was killed in a traffic accident.

The ride starts at the Tim Hortons at 173 Hampton Rd. in Quispamsis at 1 p.m. and ends at the regional hospital at approximately 2 p.m. Along the route, riders will make their way past the Dolan Road Irving, the Saint John Airport, Loch Lomond Road, Bayside Drive, the Courtney Bay Causeway, the Lower Cove Loop, King Street, King's Square, Main Street and Adelaide Street. Among the many riders will be Dr. John Dornan, regional hospital chief of staff, Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation board chairman Jason Downey and president and CEO, Jeff McAloon.

The Child Life department works with children and families in hospitals and other settings to help them cope

and adjust to the challenges of hospitalization and illness through therapeutic play.

The Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation raises funds to support mental health programs, research, education, patient comfort and the purchase of equipment at the regional hospital.

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