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NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:02.065 Hello everyone, I'm Taylor Kinzler,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:02.065 --> 00:00:04.521 the host of NBC, Connecticut City Live

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:04.521 --> 00:00:06.695 and I'm really excited to talk to you

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:06.695 --> 00:00:08.679 about the closer to free ride for Smilow

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:08.679 --> 00:00:10.295 Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:10.295 --> 00:00:12.134 coming up this year on September 11th.

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00:00:12.134 --> 00:00:13.444 After all we've been through,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:13.450 --> 00:00:15.123 maybe you're looking for a way to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:15.123 --> 00:00:16.599 stay connected to your community.

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00:00:16.600 --> 00:00:18.704 Maybe you want to meet some new friends.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:18.710 --> 00:00:20.806 And as the weather starts to get better,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:20.810 --> 00:00:22.834 maybe you want to get outside and stay

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00:00:22.834 --> 00:00:25.015 in shape while the closer to free ride,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:25.020 --> 00:00:26.580 Connecticut's best ride can help you

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:26.580 --> 00:00:28.753 to do all of those things and even

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:28.753 --> 00:00:30.941 better give you the chance to change and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:30.941 --> 00:00:32.973 save the lives of people in our area.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:32.980 --> 00:00:35.188 For battling cancer now in its 11th year,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:35.190 --> 00:00:37.122 the closer to free Ride has become

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:37.122 --> 00:00:39.086 a favorite day of the year for

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:39.086 --> 00:00:40.158 thousands in our area.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:40.160 --> 00:00:42.360 And that includes the team here at NBC,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:42.360 --> 00:00:42.624 Connecticut.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:42.624 --> 00:00:44.208 We've been proud to not only

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:44.208 --> 00:00:45.906 spread the word and share great

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:45.906 --> 00:00:47.326 stories about the ride community,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:47.330 --> 00:00:48.194 but our NBC,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:48.194 --> 00:00:49.922 Connecticut Ride team also gets out

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:49.922 --> 00:00:51.951 there each year to ride for those in

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:51.951 --> 00:00:53.958 our lives have been touched by cancer.

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00:00:53.960 --> 00:00:55.335 My family personally has been

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:00:55.335 --> 00:00:56.435 impacted by breast cancer,

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00:00:56.440 --> 00:00:58.960 so this ride is important to me as I know

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00:00:59.029 --> 00:01:01.675 it's important to so many of you out there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:01.680 --> 00:01:04.096 So what will the 2021 I've looked like?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:04.100 --> 00:01:04.411 Well,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:04.411 --> 00:01:06.588 let's start with this on September 11th.

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00:01:06.590 --> 00:01:09.102 We will be riding closer to free no

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:09.102 --> 00:01:11.269 matter what kind of bike you have,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:11.270 --> 00:01:13.766 no matter how far you'd like to ride,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:13.770 --> 00:01:16.578 even if it's on your spin bike at home,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:16.580 --> 00:01:19.700 you have a place in the closer to free ride,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:19.700 --> 00:01:21.639 and this year's ride is open to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:21.639 --> 00:01:23.439 registration as a virtual program.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:23.440 --> 00:01:25.600 The closer to free ride really hopes to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:25.600 --> 00:01:28.349 be able to include a safe and memorable

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:28.349 --> 00:01:30.299 in person community experience as well.

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00:01:30.300 --> 00:01:32.484 That will really depend on uncertain factors.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:32.490 --> 00:01:33.112 Most importantly,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:33.112 --> 00:01:35.008 public health and local regulations, so.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:35.008 --> 00:01:37.712 No matter what, you all do out there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:37.720 --> 00:01:40.450 Know that the ride virtual or in

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:40.450 --> 00:01:43.367 person will be a best in class

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:43.367 --> 00:01:45.027 experience on ride deck.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:45.030 --> 00:01:47.347 The closer to free ride family has

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:47.347 --> 00:01:49.719 really been filled with so many stories,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:49.720 --> 00:01:51.060 stories of courage, perseverance,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:51.060 --> 00:01:52.400 love and sometimes heartbreak.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:52.400 --> 00:01:54.752 We want to share one of those stories

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:54.752 --> 00:01:57.251 now where a man took his heartbreak

NOTE Confidence: 0.8612976

00:01:57.251 --> 00:01:59.096 and turned it into determination.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8498731

00:02:03.200 --> 00:02:05.020 We were so excited to become parents.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7151354

00:02:07.880 --> 00:02:11.588 So Mia was our first born.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7151354

00:02:11.590 --> 00:02:14.218 I wish she was spunky, little kid.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7151354

00:02:14.218 --> 00:02:16.836 First five years of life were amazing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7151354

00:02:16.840 --> 00:02:18.720 We're giving her a bath.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7151354

00:02:18.720 --> 00:02:21.338 My wife notice something on Neil's cheek.
NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:21.340 --> 00:02:23.832 We were recommended for my auntie to
NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:23.832 --> 00:02:26.593 go to Smilow Cancer Center and that's
NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:26.593 --> 00:02:30.010 really where things you know got serious.
NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:30.010 --> 00:02:31.150 Her official diagnosis was
NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:31.150 --> 00:02:32.290 that it was Rhabdomyosarcoma.
NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:32.290 --> 00:02:34.538 My wife and I just looked into each
NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:34.538 --> 00:02:36.539 other's eyes and knew that we were
NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:36.539 --> 00:02:38.551 going to do everything we could to
NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:38.551 --> 00:02:40.553 make her laugh as much as possible.

NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:40.560 --> 00:02:42.750 Make as comfortable as possible.

NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:42.750 --> 00:02:45.918 Seeing how vicious she was and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:45.920 --> 00:02:48.248 And how happy she was like those were

NOTE Confidence: 0.78817964

00:02:48.248 --> 00:02:50.479 the things that really stuck with us.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8157092

00:02:53.120 --> 00:02:55.205 Grief is like an article

NOTE Confidence: 0.8157092

00:02:55.205 --> 00:02:57.290 of clothing that you have

NOTE Confidence: 0.8157092

00:02:57.383 --> 00:02:59.639 to put on every single day.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8157092

00:02:59.640 --> 00:03:01.880 But there are opportunities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8157092

00:03:01.880 --> 00:03:05.240 To take the memory that you

NOTE Confidence: 0.8157092

00:03:05.340 --> 00:03:07.240 have of that child.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8157092

00:03:07.240 --> 00:03:09.712 And use it as a mechanism

NOTE Confidence: 0.8157092

00:03:09.712 --> 00:03:12.120 for hope for other people.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8294303

00:03:15.210 --> 00:03:17.204 I started reading closer to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8294303

00:03:17.204 --> 00:03:19.640 free in 2016 while my daughter

NOTE Confidence: 0.8294303

00:03:19.721 --> 00:03:22.696 was in treatment at Smilow Cancer Center.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8294303

00:03:22.700 --> 00:03:24.534 This year I will continue to rad.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8294303

00:03:24.540 --> 00:03:26.580 I plan on doing the 100 mile ride
NOTE Confidence: 0.8294303

00:03:26.580 --> 00:03:28.488 and this will be my sixth ride.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8294303

00:03:28.490 --> 00:03:30.044 Raised a lot of money and
NOTE Confidence: 0.8294303

00:03:30.044 --> 00:03:32.170 did a lot of good to me. If
NOTE Confidence: 0.81252277

00:03:32.170 --> 00:03:33.485 it's virtual, you know I
NOTE Confidence: 0.81252277

00:03:33.485 --> 00:03:35.060 get to do the same thing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8614768

00:03:37.080 --> 00:03:39.536 And for me I ride for my daughter,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8614768

00:03:39.540 --> 00:03:43.550 right for my family and I ride for myself. I
NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:03:43.550 --> 00:03:45.920 got the call in November 19th,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:03:45.920 --> 00:03:49.336 2020 that I had stage one adenocarcinoma.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:03:49.340 --> 00:03:51.622 The first thing I thought of immediately
NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:03:51.622 --> 00:03:54.242 when I was told that it was going to
NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:03:54.242 --> 00:03:56.639 be a surgery on my right upper lobe.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:03:56.640 --> 00:03:59.874 That's exactly where Mia's first spread was.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:03:59.880 --> 00:04:02.687 Knowing how that little girl thought made

NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:04:02.687 --> 00:04:06.189 me kind of remember that I needed to be

NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:04:06.189 --> 00:04:09.597 tough to get myself back to being who I was.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:04:09.600 --> 00:04:11.808 You know, to fight this straight

NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:04:11.808 --> 00:04:15.147 on to not be scared of the things

NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:04:15.147 --> 00:04:17.372 that I couldn't control and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9050001

00:04:17.380 --> 00:04:18.870 To just work on recovery.

NOTE Confidence: 0.75571406

00:04:21.410 --> 00:04:23.800 Her name was Mia Mia.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89208347

00:04:25.860 --> 00:04:28.614 And just like what we did is we try

NOTE Confidence: 0.89208347

00:04:28.614 --> 00:04:31.415 to make it amazing every day and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89208347

00:04:31.420 --> 00:04:32.776 You know, she taught us that,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89208347

00:04:32.780 --> 00:04:34.355 and that's what we try to do.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:37.940 --> 00:04:39.192 What an incredible story.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:39.192 --> 00:04:41.070 That's the power of the closer

NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:41.130 --> 00:04:42.900 to free family, and that's the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:42.900 --> 00:04:44.450 power of Connecticut's best ride.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:44.450 --> 00:04:45.690 A ride experience that
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:45.690 --> 00:04:47.550 you need to be apart of.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:47.550 --> 00:04:49.090 Whether you're an experienced cyclist
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:49.090 --> 00:04:51.576 ready to take on the closer to free
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:51.576 --> 00:04:53.358 century or just off training wheels
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:53.358 --> 00:04:54.987 ready for a neighborhood spin,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:54.990 --> 00:04:56.146 this is your ride.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:56.146 --> 00:04:58.400 So how do you get on board?
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:58.400 --> 00:04:59.058 It's easy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:04:59.058 --> 00:05:00.374 simply head to rideclosertofree.org
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:05:00.374 --> 00:05:02.429 and hit the register button up top.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:05:02.430 --> 00:05:03.995 Registration is simple and there
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:05:03.995 --> 00:05:06.150 are tons of resources to help you
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:05:06.150 --> 00:05:08.055 get started on your fund raising.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:05:08.055 --> 00:05:10.330 100% of the dollars that you raise,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8634935

00:05:10.330 --> 00:05:11.870 go to research and care

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:11.870 --> 00:05:13.098 at Smilow Cancer Hospital

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:13.098 --> 00:05:14.326 in Yale Cancer Center.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:14.330 --> 00:05:16.178 So the more friends and family

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:16.178 --> 00:05:17.410 you encouraged to donate,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:17.410 --> 00:05:19.566 the more lives that you improve seem.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:19.570 --> 00:05:21.472 NBC Connecticut is riding closer to

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:21.472 --> 00:05:23.661 free along with so many others who

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:23.661 --> 00:05:26.030 want to let you know that they're into.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:26.030 --> 00:05:26.954 So be safe,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83710176

00:05:26.954 --> 00:05:29.110 take care and ride closer to free.