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## Snowmobile ride aims to break record, raise

Money going to foundation created to aid families affected by cancer

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Nick Keller plans on starting quite the personal journey the day after Christmas. And he's welcoming as many as possible to follow along.

Depending on snow amounts, Keller plans on starting a 12,200-mile snowmobile trek from his home near Richmond, southwest of St. Cloud.

This is not just a story about a man who loves riding snowmobiles, and it's not about his attempt to break the world record for the most miles snowmobiled in 60 consecutive days. He's on a mission for a cause.

Keller, who averages more than 5,000 miles a year on snowmobile, was approached about attempting to beat the current 60-day record of 12,163 miles. "I said I would try it if I could tie it in to a cause," the 55-year-old self-employed mason contractor said.

"My daughter asked me what I was going to do with the money I raise, and I said that I'd probably give it to the Cancer Society," he said. "She suggested that I try to find a way to get the money to the families affected by the cancer.

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**The record to beat**

The longest snowmobile totaled 12,163 miles driven and Canada by Robert G. Davis his Yamaha RS Venture snowmobile during a 60-day period between November 11 and March 11, 2000. According to [www.GuinnessWorldRecords.com](http://www.GuinnessWorldRecords.com)

This past March marked the 20th year since his mother, Mary Jane, died of breast cancer. "She died when she was 56 and I turn 56 next April, so I thought it was a good time to try this."

The KFCF has established 501c3 non-profit status and is now in the fundraising mode.

Keller's world-record attempt is aptly named the Snowball Cancer Challenge, because he has been amazed at how the interest in his journey has snowballed.

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