

# aims to break record, raise cash



Yamaha Motor Corp. was awarded the sled sponsorship, and many other companies have stepped up to sponsor the trip.

In addition to sponsorships, Keller and the foundation are accepting donations from individuals.

"I was on a work site about the time a story about this came out in an area newspaper and the little kids of the house I was working on went upstairs and emptied their piggy banks," Nick recalled. "The next day the little 4-year-old girl comes outside with a little grin and said 'here's my money to help your sick people'. I asked her if she was giving me all of her money, and she gets this little grin again, and she said, 'well, most of it'. That was so touching."

## The record to beat

The longest snowmobile journey totaled 12,163 miles driven in Maine and Canada by Robert G. Davis (USA) on his Yamaha RS Venture snowmobile, during a 60-day period between Jan. 11 and March 11, 2008. —

According to [www.Guinness WorldRecords.com](http://www.GuinnessWorldRecords.com)

He tells of receiving donations from people who themselves are suffering from cancer.

"Here these people aren't doing too well themselves, but they figure someone else is worse off than they are."

Keller is hoping that the funds come in at a level allowing the KFCF to establish a perpetual fund.

The snowmobile trek will take Keller through Wisconsin and north to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. "I have no problem riding alone, but I welcome anyone to ride along with me, and I have heard from people planning on trailing along. Some say they want to, maybe for only a mile, but to say that they were a part of this."

Who gets the money?

The KFCF will establish a board of four to 10 people to accept requests and decide who will receive funds. "I have been warned about fraudulent people looking for handouts, but our board will be networked so that we'll be able to weed those out."

Keller stresses that his family's foundation is in no way in competition with the Cancer Society. "We still need money for research, but we want to do something to help the people. Some people have called my ride a 'ride for a cure,' but I call it a 'ride to help people'."

To help Keller's ride snowball even more, you can log on to [www.snowballcancer.org](http://www.snowballcancer.org) where you can donate via a secure website or you can send donations to the Keller Family Community Foundation, P.O. Box 164, Richmond, MN 56368.

Once his ride begins, you will even be able to follow his journey through the website and into the record books.

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