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***Kids Race To Help Awareness for Tay-Sachs and other Genetic Disorders:  
Ride in Remembrance of Ethan***

(Arlington, VA) – The [Air Force Association Cycling Classic](#) (AFACC), and Arlington Sports, the promoting organization, is proud to announce a partnership with a local Clarendon family who lost a child to a rare genetic disease. Ethan Klancnik was born in 2012 with Tay-Sachs. The Ethan Klancnik Memorial Kids Race to support the [Tay-Sachs Awareness and Prevention Organization](#) (TSAPO) will be raced in his honor, fulfilling Ethan's wish to create more awareness and support for families dealing with Tay-Sachs and other rare genetic disorders.

"We are very excited to once again be teaming up with the Air Force Association Cycling Classic Kids Race this year! Our kids have participated in it for years, and it is such an amazing community event in Clarendon!" said Michelle Klancnik, Founder of the Tay-Sachs Awareness and Prevention Organization.

The Ethan Klancnik Memorial Kids Race is free to all children 9 and under. Participants are able to ride a lap on the Pro/Am course on Saturday, June 13 in Clarendon, just prior to the Men's featured race. Proceeds from the Ethan Klancnik Memorial Kids Race T-shirt sales will benefit TSAPO. There will be another opportunity for kids to race on Sunday, June 14 in Crystal City at the Crystal Cup race course, shortly after the Men's Pro/Am race. Registration is available through our website at [www.CyclingClassic.org/kids-races.html](http://www.CyclingClassic.org/kids-races.html)

"The Kids Race attracts hundreds of kids each year, and has been growing since 1998, the first year we held the event," according to Robert Laybourn, President of Arlington Sports. "We are honored to invite the Klancnik's friends and family to help us with the event, giving it an even bigger purpose."

"BikeArlington is very excited to be directly involved this year," said Henry Dunbar, the BikeArlington Program Director. "We love having a chance to reach the largest cycling event in the region, which fits our mission of getting more people to bike more often, be it for commuting, for errands, or just for fun. Being able to reach so many youth in a fun and exciting venue is a success!" BikeArlington is also the presenting sponsor for the Kids Race this year.

This year's events for the Air Force Association Cycling Classic -- proudly brought to you by The Boeing Company -- begin on Saturday, June 13, with the Air Force Association Cycling Classic's Clarendon Cup Pro/Am races. Then on Sunday, June 14, cyclists of all abilities will be able to participate in the non-competitive Air Force Association Cycling Challenge Ride. Men and Women's Pro and amateur races will complete during the day's schedule. Saturday and Sunday's races will again be part of the prestigious USA Cycling's National Criterium Calendar. A portion of the funds from the AFACC will benefit the AFA Wounded Airman Program, the event's sole beneficiary. More information at [www.CyclingClassic.org](http://www.CyclingClassic.org).

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**Tay-Sachs Awareness and Prevention Organization** is an Arlington, Virginia based non-profit, committed to improving awareness and prevention of Tay-Sachs Disease throughout the United States. For more information on how we are helping families affected by Tay-Sachs Disease, please visit [www.TSAPO.org](http://www.TSAPO.org).

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**BikeArlington** is a program of Arlington County Government's Commuter Services bureau with the aim of getting more people to ride more often, for commuting, to run errands, for recreation and exercise, and just as simple and healthy way to have fun. Learn more at [www.BikeArlington.com](http://www.BikeArlington.com).

**Arlington Sports, Inc** is a Washington, DC-based 501(c)3 non-profit, dedicated to the promotion and development of professional and amateur bike racing. For additional information on the Air Force Association Cycling Classic and other ASI events, please visit [www.arlingtonsports.org](http://www.arlingtonsports.org).