



2017 Community Leader Sports Award



Slow Roll Buffalo

Slow Roll Buffalo is an informal yet dedicated community group that meets weekly to take bicycle rides through the neighborhoods of our city. Originally founded in Detroit, this unique community building organization has 3 main objectives: to create a physically healthier WNY through regular exercise, to encourage partnership among block clubs and other groups, and most importantly to bridge the diversity gaps that exist within Buffalo. Slow Roll brings together people who might not otherwise meet in order to celebrate the beauty, history, and diversity of our region. With Independent Health as Presenting Sponsor, they have grown quickly and count as one of their biggest successes changing the mindsets of both the riders and the people who watch them roll through their neighborhoods.

Under the leadership of Seamus Gallivan and Anthony Caferro, who were inspired by the way it brought people together in Detroit, here it started with three test rides of about 100 people and has grown steadily to bring together crowds of over 2000 participants. With over 100 volunteers and more than 59 rides, Slow Roll has kept their events safe, easy to take part in, and fun for all. Gallivan and Caferro have done much to break down ethnic, cultural, and religious differences that may divide us.

For their work to build a healthier, safer, more inclusive Buffalo, the NFJC proudly presents Slow Roll Buffalo with the 2017 Community Leader Sports Award. Accepting this award is Seamus Gallivan, co-founder of the organization.



"...a just community begins with me!"

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