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BIG NAMES LINE UP FOR FUNDRAISER

For his 50th birthday, Austin businessman **Steve Hicks** treated his friends to an island idyll. For this 60th, the Capstar Partners captain and philanthropist plans to top that bash with a biking adventure across Texas.

Along the way, he hopes to raise millions to build a permanent home for the Rise School of Austin, which educates typical students alongside those with developmental disabilities.

March 5-20, arcing from Orange to Marfa, the Celebrity Ride will be outfitted by Trek Travel of Madison, Wis. The event's advisory board includes **Kristin Armstrong, Sally Brown, Bart Knaggs, Tim McClure** and **Evan Smith**.

Also committed to participate are Gov. **Rick Perry**, Lt. Gov. **David Dewhurst**, Attorney General **Greg Abbott**, Comptroller **Susan Combs**, **Gene Powell**, **Andrea McWilliams** and **Ray Benson**. Hicks has asked **Lance Armstrong** to serve as honorary chair (his response is pending).

Sponsorship levels come in at \$100,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000, making it potentially the richest single Austin fundraiser in recent history.



Steve Hicks