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**Team of Novartis Employees Cycles From Toronto To Montreal To Raise Funds For Breast Cancer Research**

**Dorval, Quebec (September 15, 2005)** – Between September 17<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> a team of amateur cyclists from Montreal-based Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada will ride from Toronto to Montreal to raise funds for breast cancer research. The four-day, 600-km ride challenges each of the participants to raise at least \$2,000 each for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, and the team is encouraging others moved by the effort to join in the fundraising activity with all proceeds going to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

The team will begin its trip from Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square and has scheduled stops along the way in the cities of Cobourg, Kingston and Cornwall. It is anticipated that the ride will finish at Novartis' headquarters in Dorval, Quebec at 12 pm on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The riders, many of whom are only recreational cyclists, will ride between 115 and 185 km every day.

As a long-time sponsor of the annual CIBC Run for the Cure, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada has made a commitment to breast cancer research as well as supporting physician and patient awareness through its corporate efforts. For the past two years the company has been the largest pharmaceutical sponsor of the Montreal event. Anyone interested in donating to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's CIBC Run for the Cure can do so by visiting [www.cibcrunfortheure.com](http://www.cibcrunfortheure.com).

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