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Mesothelioma lawyers raise \$11,500 for cancer research

EDWARDSVILLE — The law firm of Gori Julian & Associates Inc. helped raise \$11,500 for the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation at the inaugural Cycling for Meso event.

The event drew sponsors from across the United States. The foundation works to support families and victims of mesothelioma, through education, advocacy and research. Mesothelioma is a rare cancer in which cells of the mesothelium (a membrane that covers and protects most of the internal organs of the body) become abnormal and malignant. Asbestos exposure is among known causes.

"We had such a great time organizing this event and pulling in the interests of so many businesses and area residents who wanted to stand by our side in supporting the fight against mesothelioma," said Randy Gori, founding partner at Gori Julian & Associates, Inc., P.C. "We believe we had a successful first-year event and plan to do it again next year with even more enthusiasm so we can help spread awareness for this important cause."

Cycling for Meso is one of several events Gori Julian hosts throughout the

year to raise funds for the foundation. An ongoing distribution of Cure 4 Meso bracelets helps the firm spread the word and an annual Cure 4 Meso Pub Crawl expands support.

Sponsors of the 2014 event included Lanier Law Firm and the Edwardsville Intelligencer, as the Fast Finisher Sponsors. Power Sponsors included, Carrollton Bank, The Bank of Edwardsville, J.Hilburn Men's Custom Clothing by Angela Bullock, Kurowski Shultz, LLC, Pohlman USA Court Reporting, James C. Farrell, P.C., Gerard Hempstead and Brett Gilliland of Northwestern Mutual St. Louis and Cork Tree Creative, Inc. Pace sponsors included Spencer Promotional Gear, Hobson & Bradley Law Firm, Junior Service Club of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, Tays Law Firm, Concord Research & Consulting Group, LLC, Abstracts & Titles, Inc., Scott Credit Union, First Clover Leaf Bank, Phone Masters, Jourdain Roofing and Hurford Architects.

For more information on how to sponsor the 2015 Cycling for Meso event, contact Gori Julian & Associates at (888) 362-6890.