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My name is Ashley, I am an Intern with 71Five and currently assisting with the Break the Cycle program within 71Five Justice. As someone who is new to Break the Cycle it didn't take long to see the positive impact on the boys who come. The youth show clear motivation in their desire to do well in their program through the county, because they aren't able to come on rides unless they are in good standing with the 6-month residential program. As we prepare to leave, they want to help get all the gear loaded, and are enthusiastic to learn how everything works. While riding the boys work really hard, have a BLAST, and even open up about how they are processing their circumstances, and share about their future goals. It is easy to see that their involvement in Break the Cycle is an activity that gives them confidence and hope. There is a boy named Robert who gets very excited to ride. Though he is not in the best physical shape he perseveres on the rides, and really owns the experience. He does not complain but is choosing to persevere. I believe this is showing him tangibly that he can do hard things in life.

Thank you for your support of this important programming!