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Break the Cycle is nothing but a true connecting piece when it comes to creating relationships with these teens!

Although most of the rides mainly consist of boys, I was able to join them for a few crazy rides. It's amazing to see how a group of young male teens can go from macho, tough exterior to showing their softest interior within an hour.

These teens have rough stories and backgrounds; they have haunting pasts and uncertain futures. Yet, Break the Cycle has been a program certain to provide safety, brotherhood, guidance and hope for a better, stronger future. Where healthy relationships, healthier self-image, self-worth and self-respect is shown through volunteers, leaders and even glimpses amongst peers.

Those teens leave a ride from tired to fuelled, weak to strong, broken to mended, disregard to loved. The changes and stories are countless! This program is important to us adults, but to the teens - it's a safe haven they can call their own.

-Kiveli Hunt (Former Intern with 71Five Justice, from Cyprus)