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## **National Bike 4 Friendship Cross-Country Tour to Visit Fort Pierce**

A cycling group of 11 women from around the country have joined Bike 4 Friendship to raise awareness and funds for programs that support children with special needs. The cycling group will begin their 1,200 mile cycling trip from Miami to New York on June 30 with an overnight stop in Fort Pierce at the Sunrise Theatre's Black Box.

"The City was contacted by the group to assist with a location that would accommodate an overnight stop," stated Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson. "The request was for an open space with air conditioning, showers, and with our walkable waterfront downtown, I immediately thought the Black Box Theatre would be the ideal space for the group."

During the four-week trek, the cyclists will bike approximately 70 miles each day through nine states, making 25 official city stops to meet with members of the community and visit several Friendship Chapters. Bike 4 Friendship promotes the mission of Friendship Circle, an international organization which connects teenage volunteers with children, teens and young adults with special needs to build social, recreational and educational skills that cannot be attained through traditional therapies.

[Friendship Circle](#) is rapidly expanding with more than 84 chapters worldwide. Since its 1995 inception, the organization has cultivated friendships between 5,000 special children and nearly 11,000 teen volunteers.

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