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*Connecting women with, through, and for IU.*



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The April issue of Link celebrates the Little 500 women's race, long supported by IU alumnae and Women's Philanthropy at IU.

## WHY WE GIVE:



*Patti Theil,  
Women's Philanthropy Leadership  
Council member*

"I give because I care. It must go back to my parents. They set the example. I didn't know any other way. My father spent his life helping people. He was a teacher, Indiana State Representative, and oral surgeon, often times receiving vegetables in lieu of payment. My mother stepped up and filled numerous leadership positions when no one else would and I've done the same. Finding something you're passionate about is key. I love Indiana University. I've been an ambassador since becoming involved with Indiana University Student Foundation and as a Steering Committee member. While planning Little 500, I forged friendships that I still maintain. Currently living in Denver I enjoy being on the Colorado alumni board and I'm actively recruiting Colorado students to IU."

## HOW WE GIVE:



*The 2008 Delta Gamma cycling team celebrates a first place win at the Little 500 women's race. Photo courtesy IU Student Foundation.*

### **'Laps for Little 500 Women' helps female cyclists cross the finish line at IU**

Women's Philanthropy at IU joins in the [IU Day](#) challenges with '[Laps for Little 500 Women](#),' an IU Crowdfunding campaign intended to raise at least \$5,000 in scholarship funds to support female riders in this year's Little 500 women's race.

This year marks the 30th running of the women's race—and the 15th year of Women's Philanthropy support in the form of scholarships to Little 500 female riders. Since its inception, Women's Philanthropy at IU has awarded more than 50 scholarships to female riders, totaling more than \$70,000.

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## IN THE NEWS

### **IU Media School partnering with IU Radio-TV Services, IU Student Foundation to cover Little 500 live**

"This just reinforces the model with the race being student-planned, student-organized, student-executed, student-raced and student-coached. It only makes sense for the production to be brought to us by students and for the video vignettes to be student-produced, too."

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### **Delta Gamma Takes Pole Position in 30th Women's Little 500**

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### **Visit Bloomington Ultimate Guide on How to Enjoy Little 500 Weekend**

Blog post: The races are exciting and filled with history and tradition, the downtown is lively and vibrant, the flowers on campus are beautifully blooming, and the weather is (hopefully) perfect.

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