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Dear AIDS Vaccine 200 supporter:

Although there have been significant advances in treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS in recent years, there are still millions of new infections annually worldwide. We still desperately need an effective AIDS vaccine and the Emory Vaccine Center is at the forefront of the global effort to save millions of lives from the scourge of HIV. With the long term support from the AV200, our scientists are making extraordinary advances in understanding the virus and our immune system and creating vaccines to prevent and treat HIV infection.

The Emory Vaccine Center developed one of the world's first AIDS vaccines, created by Dr. Harriet Robinson's research team. After successfully preventing infection in primates, early results in human trials indicate an excellent safety profile and highly reproducible immunogenicity. Testing in humans continues and is chronicled in this recent [Emory Medicine Magazine](#) story.

We take a comprehensive approach to finding an HIV vaccine, partnering with other top research institutions in the U.S. and around the world such as the Georgia Research Alliance, World Health Organization, CDC and the Gates Foundation. Housed in one of the largest academic centers ever created to investigate new vaccine strategies, the EVC is a world leader in the discovery and development of safe and effective vaccines.

The Emory Vaccine Center is doing amazing things with every dollar available, but we urgently need your help. Prestigious federal grants fail to cover many essential expenses and can be elusive for young scientists with novel but untested ideas.

Because of Action Cycling Atlanta and the riders and supporters of the AV200, the EVC is able to attract and retain the next generation of HIV researchers. The AV200 Fellows are some of the best and brightest young HIV researchers who are able to continue their exciting work and make new discoveries.

Your support of these researchers acts as a seed grant. On average, each private-funding dollar an Emory Vaccine Center scientist receives is leveraged into 17 additional future research dollars in the form of prestigious federal grants. Where else can you get this kind of return on investment and support research that will save lives for years to come?

You have our heartfelt gratitude for your support of Action Cycling Atlanta. Together we can make a difference in the fight against HIV and bring hope for all.

Sincerely,



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