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**Brockway trucks head down Route 11 in Cortlandville as part of the 18th annual Ride for Rotary on Saturday. The vehicles also included motorcycles, classic cars and muscle cars.**

# Rotary ride sets record

## 18th annual event raises \$9,000 for the arts, museum

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The goal was to donate \$4,000 each to a museum and an arts center. Before the first motorcycles revved their engines and followed a pair of Brockway trucks down Route 11 Saturday, the Cortland Breakfast Club had already raised \$9,000.

Motorcycles and antique fire trucks rode down Route 11 into Homer on Saturday for the 18th annual Ride for Rotary in what organizers said was a fundraiser with a record number of sponsors and supporters.

The motorcycles and fire trucks drove for an hour and a half, said event organizer Don Rich-

ards, starting at the CNY Living History Center, heading through Homer, Locke, Moravia, along Owasco Lake and back to the museum. A 5K and a two-mile walk also took place in Homer near the Center for the Arts of Homer, the other recipient.

The goal for the rotary is to give \$4,000 to each of the centers, Richards said. The Rotary already received \$9,000 from 33 businesses who sponsored Saturday's event.

"I think it is wonderful they're helping us out," said Cindy Stoker, executive director of the museum. "It's been a community partnership all along."

"This is an event to get funds to organizations that are much needed," Richards said.

"We have a great group of people who are supporting this."

The funds raised were especially important this year, he said, because the COVID-19 pandemic closed the centers, shutting off a key revenue source.

"Our hope is to keep these organizations open," he said. "They usually have huge shows so it's nice that they're here for the community and visitors."

Jim Hopkins, board member for the Rotary and the arts center, said the Rotary leaders felt compelled to support both centers.

"We're glad it ended up being this year, especially due to the pandemic," he said. "Since revenue isn't coming in, every penny helps."