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Cyclists begin journey of pain to help ill children

EARLY Saturday morning, 36 cyclists began a gruelling 900km journey from Canberra to Melbourne as part of the Chain Reaction Challenge. They're not professional athletes; rather, they're chief executives, lawyers and everyday people keen to raise money for the Monash Newborn Intensive Care unit and the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Chain Reaction founder Berrick Wilson said he didn't set an easy task. "We've got seven days to get from Canberra to Melbourne and there are going to be some gruelling days," he said. "Chain Reaction is designed to be a real challenge when you're exhausted and tired and don't feel like you can go on, that's what it feels like for many people whose children are unwell and being helped by Monash Newborn or Starlight Children's Foundation." Mr Wilson experienced the feeling when his daughter, Milla, had a brain haemorrhage soon after birth and was rushed to Monash. "Chain Reaction allows me to give back to those people that have given my family, and other families, so much support." Mr Wilson said this year's event had raised more than \$700,000.

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