



“(Cancer) changed my whole attitude in life completely. My family is first and foremost. I live life by the moment. I’ve changed in a very positive way.” ANDY KALETA

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Last year, Andy Kaleta’s life turned upside down when he was diagnosed with oral cancer in his mouth and tongue.

“I felt something was wrong, so they biopsied it and that’s when I was diagnosed with cancer. It happened really fast,” said the Orleans resident.

In April 2010, he underwent a major nine-hour surgery at The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre.

Doctors removed skin from his mouth and tongue, his lymph nodes and grafted skin and muscle from his left arm into his mouth. He credits the support he received from friends and family during his year-long recovery, as well as the treatment he received at The Ottawa Hospital.

The avid cyclist was looking for a way to give back when he heard about Ride the Rideau.

“It’s a great way to raise much-needed funds for cancer research,” he said.

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