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# Lance Armstrong is chamber's pick as 2010 Austinite of the Year

*Livestrong founder says he's honored, proud to be associated with city.*



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**Lance Armstrong**

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Cycling champion and Livestrong founder Lance Armstrong has been named the 2010 Austinite of the Year by the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.

Armstrong, 39, a seven-time winner of the Tour de France, will receive the honor at the chamber's annual meeting on Feb. 9.

The chamber typically picks people from the business community for the recognition, the highest award it hands out each year.

But Armstrong's advocacy for cancer research and his community activism made him an easy choice this year, said Barry Mayer, chamber chairman and president of Tokyo Electron, U.S. Holdings.

Armstrong's "commitment and notable record of service to this community are unmatched," Mayer said in a news release.

Armstrong said he was honored to be chosen.

"I've called Austin home for 22 years now and truly love this city. It's been interesting to watch it change/evolve over that period. Mostly good, some not so good.

"I will say this: I travel all over the world, and when people hear I'm from Austin, the answer is always, 'Cool, I've always wanted to go to Austin.' We are the jewel of Texas."

Armstrong founded the Lance Armstrong Foundation in 1997, not long after he was diagnosed with testicular cancer, which spread to his abdomen, lungs and brain.

After treatment, Armstrong got back on his bike and went on to win his first Tour de France title in 1999.

The foundation has become one of the highest-profile advocacy organizations nationwide for cancer research, prevention and support of cancer patients.

The foundation, which now goes by the name Livestrong, is headquartered in East Austin in an environmentally friendly building at 2201 E. Sixth St.

The foundation raises money in part through events such as the Livestrong Challenge bicycle rides and other events in several cities, as well as sales of its signature yellow "Livestrong" wristbands and other products.

This year's Austin Livestrong Challenge ride included more than 3,000 riders and raised more than \$3 million for cancer research and prevention.

Starting in February, the foundation will be the title sponsor for the Austin Marathon for three years.

The City of Austin also has created the 6-mile Lance Armstrong Bikeway downtown.

Armstrong also has a number of business interests in Austin, including Mellow Johnny's bike store downtown.

Charles Barnett, president and CEO of the Seton Family of Hospitals, was the chamber's 2009 Austinite of the Year.

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