

Bikes4Kids Newsletter

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Thank You Celebration

A special celebration was held on December 5, 2016 where we recognized the contributions of three



people who have provided leadership for the B4K Board of Directors. Pictured is Lowell Kutches who has been the president of the Board for the past several years. Also featured in this recognition was Byron Dokken and Norm Dahl. The celebration featured comments from Executive Director, Al Sannerud.

Dave Bothius did an excellent job as the master of ceremonies. It was a fun evening to give these volunteers our thanks and best wishes.

700th Bike Completed

During December the 700th bike was refurbished by our team of expert mechanics. This represents a new record number of bikes refurbished within a year. This number bested 2015 by 140 bikes. Pictured with the bike (from left to right are Harvey McDonald, Tom Huettner, Byron Dokken and Ken Johnson.



Christmas Bikes



During the month of December our volunteers delivered 90 bikes that that have been refurbished by our master mechanics at B4K. The bikes were delivered to the Anoka Armory where they were given away to needy children and families.

International Attention

This correspondence was just received by our staff at B4K and is provided as an example of how far reaching our organization has become:

To: Bikes4Kids

Subject: I need a bike

Hello, my name is Erica and I'm writing to see if you could donate a bike to my daughter Alice, she's 3 years old, because I can't afford it, unfortunately. But I live in Brazil. I don't know if you could send me one. Thank you for your attention, and Merry Christmas!

Why We Do What We Do...

Very recently, Norm Dahl and Cindy Bailey received a request that asked if it was possible to provide bikes for two boys. A school district teacher recognized that her 11 year old student and his 8 year old brother's mom had not been Christmas shopping because she could not afford to purchase Christmas gifts. The mom was called to get the boys heights to properly size the bikes but mom had difficulty answering because she was crying. The YES answer to provide bikes came from everyone who heard about request. Norm and Byron chose two especially nice bikes for them. Ken Johnson then delivered the bikes to the boys Aunt that same Tuesday afternoon. Here is his account of the delivery experience:

I completed a bike delivery. The lady that took the delivery said, Oh My! These are nice bikes then she said, these are really nice bikes then about five minutes she said, gee, these bikes are really nice. Also the lady wanted to know how to eventually donate her kids bikes.

I share the hug and the message that I got:

FROM HER; MERRY XMAS TO BIKES FOR KIDS!

I do not know which one of you to blame for picking out such great looking, good, bikes. "We" can be sure Mom and her kids will be even more impressed and grateful; Pretty Fantastic! This is a reason why WE work at putting quality workmanship and thoughtfulness into our bikes and operations.

Other responses from happy recipients include Anastasiya Matrosava and Larysa Tarhonskaya. They recently replied to a gift of bikes for each with thank you cards stating *"Thank you for delivering joy and happiness into our home. God bless you all!"*

Desiree (no last name) recently sent a thank you card saying *"Thank you for the bike! Now I can bike to school!"*

Gage (NLN) also sent a thank you saying *"Thank you so much for the bike. Now I can ride with my friends".*

Rebecca H. writes *"Hi, I just wanted to say thank you for the bike. We really appreciate them and once again, Thank You"*

Cindy Bailey recently advised us on another response: "This is from Kurt Hadley the teacher at Johnson Elementary who requested the bike.

"Cindy, thanks so much, you made Noah's day!"



He had achieved a goal and was put into a drawing but didn't win the bike. He was so devastated that his teacher requested a bike from us." Here

is a picture of Noah with his bike.

This is truly why we do what we do at Bikes4Kids.

Operations Statistics (December & 2016)

