

Bikes4Kids Newsletter

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Bikes4Kids Volunteers at Play

Paula Foley reports that the group met in a small parking lot at a 'put in' site off of 219th and 7th Ave. We paddled for about 2 hours, taking out at Rum River Central. It was a gorgeous day, sunny with little wind, and we all had a great time! Janet was able to outfit most of us, with a little help from me and my two kayaks. All of us except for Jack and Doreen Peterson and Byron, met at Janet's house and carpooled to the start.



The brave participants include: Paula Foley, Janet Wallace, Cindy Bailey, Dave Bailey, Joe Nelson, Lew Hotchkiss, Byron Dokken, Bruce Pomerantz, Ken Johnson, Jack and Doreen Peterson.



In the Spotlight



The focus for the spotlight in this issue is our Inventory and Production Coordinator Cindy Bailey!



I grew up in Rochester MN and earned a degree in Biology at Mankato State Univ. Since jobs in biology were hard to come by, I started my career in IT as a programmer. I worked at Thrivent and Wells Fargo Bank in downtown Mpls, where I met my husband Dave. I then moved to Ameriprise as a project manager for a number of years but then decided to stay home for awhile to care for our 2 young children. I went back to work part time as a program manager and did a lot of volunteering at church and school as our kids were growing up. We have a 29 year old son who lives in Des Moines with his wife and a 26 year old daughter who lives near us in Brooklyn Park.

We heard about Bikes4Kids from an article in the StarTribune. My husband Dave thought it would be interesting to check out how an organization such as this one operates so that maybe we could do it in Florida when we go there in the winters. He set up a meeting with Kutch and Byron but since he was not yet retired they decided that it might not be the best timing for him. Dave mentioned that his wife might be interested. We had just sold our hobby farm and horses in Dayton and moved to a townhouse so I was wondering what I was going to do with all my free time. I decided to

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do a ride along with Byron to see what he does and get a tour of the shop. I really caught the vision of what Bikes4Kids does and it seemed clear to me that what they needed most was what I do best - administration, organization and process management. I started volunteering in the spring of 2013.

I enjoy the other volunteers and the relationships with our partners. I get to hear from them how having a bike changes the lives of those they work with. I enjoy the fact that we now have information at our fingertips to enable us to manage the operation more efficiently and serve more of those in need. I keep doing it because I feel that what I do matters.

Why We Do What We Do...



We get letters and responses from the large population of people that we serve. Here are more stories and responses from very satisfied customers:

Bike Giveaway at St. Francis

Several members of B4K attended a bike rally sponsored by the St. Francis Police Department personnel. During this event, our organization donated two bikes to be raffled off to the participants: Two very happy children were the recipients. Just look at their faces to see the joy of a new bike!



Here is an assortment of some recent responses that we get from some of our happy bike recipients:

"Hi Cindy

I wanted to say thank you for your donation to the South View Summer Cycling Club.

We appreciate your hard work and the things you and your staff do.

All the best to all,

Greg Banko

Academic Supervisor for Student Support

South View Middle School

Edina Public Schools"

"Hi Cindy, I just wanted to thank you for yesterday. The residents were so excited to get their bikes. It worked out so smoothly and everyone was happy with the bikes that were chosen for them. I hope to put in another order once we have secured another bike rack. I think what you are doing is wonderful, and the residents here really appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Jackie Vetvick, LSW,LADC

Case Manager

Stepping Stone Emergency Housing

3300 4th Ave N/Cronin Building #14

Anoka, MN 55303"

"Thank you so much Cindy, Mike, and Cindy,

The kids were so excited when I told them about the bikes today. They were thrilled to know they would have a bike to ride for our bike trip and even more excited to know they were going to have a bike of their own to keep! Lots of, "you mean I get to keep the bike?" What a great gift to give the kids right before summer! Thank you all so much for making this happen!

Thanks,

Kara

Susan Lindgren School

St. Louis Park, MN"

Why We Do What We Do...Continued

“Dave & Cindy

Thank you and Bikes4Kids for the donation of 2 bicycles for the Brooklyn Park Rotary Club Wild Game Dinner. The proceeds from the bikes will go to help people in our community and all over the world.

Many Thanks

*Daryll Cameron
Brooklyn Park Rotary Club*

North Anoka County Emergency Foodshelf and Closet sends the following thank you:

“The North Anoka County Emergency (NACE) Food Shelf and Clothing Closet wishes to express our sincere gratitude for your recent contribution of a bicycle. Your donation to the 13th annual Empty Bowls event helped raise \$20,329.76 for the food shelf. This money will stay in our community and be used to provide food and clothing for people in need in north Anoka County. Your gift will touch many families in our community who access emergency food, clothing, and NACE’s referral assistance. Thank you for your support.”

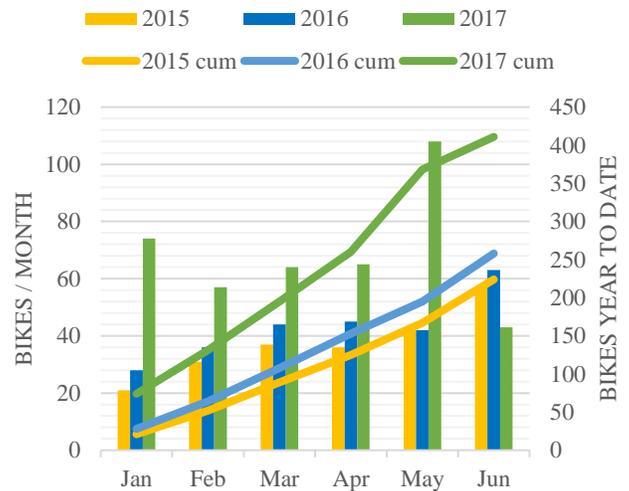


**Bikes4Kids Version of
The Running of the Bulls**



Operations Statistics

Bike Repair Statistics 2015 - 2017



Bike Delivery Statistics 2015-2017

