

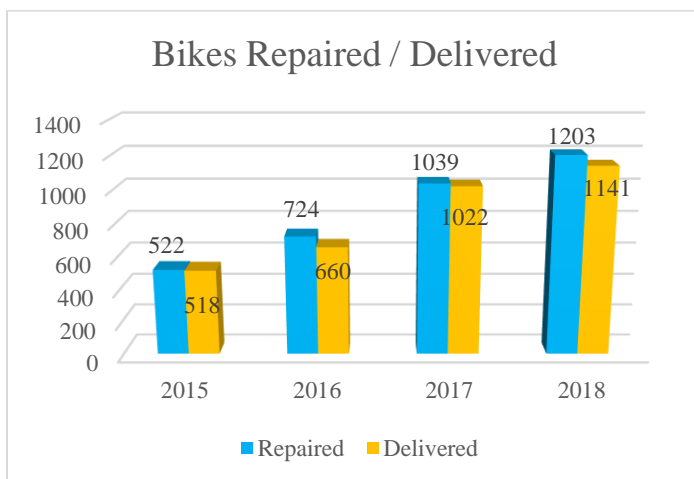
B4K Newsletter

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This newsletter is published with the intended purpose of providing information for all volunteers, suppliers and known supporters of Bikes4Kids. To subscribe or unsubscribe please contact B4K at 763-234-4790.

Another Record Year at B4K

It was another banner year for Bikes4Kids with the repair of 1,203 bikes and the delivery of 1,141 to kids and people of need in our community. This growth has been accomplished through the planning and support of our volunteers. The planning has included shop renovation and the addition and training of mechanical repair people. The group of volunteers has also grown considerably with many people with various skills and talents to make bikes for kids a reality.



We are also very thankful for the donations that we have received from our supporters. The mission of B4K could never be accomplished without this ongoing support!

The work at B4K goes on all year round. To give you an example of what it includes, here are some comments from the report of our Operations Coordinator, Cindy Bailey:

For November:

- Logged and sorted 391 intake bikes of which 20 were selected for bike requests.
- Provided 3 balance bikes for an open house at Palmer Lake Elementary school.
- 10 bikes were given to the Thrivent Bike Group.
- 300 helmet units were assembled for the December bike requests for the Anoka Xmas Committee, Lutheran Church of the Master and Ace Waste Management.

For December:

- Logged sorted and stored 148 intake bikes. 13 selected for requests.
- Medtronic sent 8 volunteers to help with the cleaning of bikes.
- Preparation is underway for the Twin City Bike swap on February 10, 2019.
- Satisfied a last-minute request from Sanneh Foundation for the delivery of 3 bikes.



In the Spotlight

This section is set aside as an opportunity for you to acquaint yourself with some of the many volunteers in the B4Kids organization. For this issue our spotlight shines on our chief morale booster, Janet Wallace.



Janet grew up in Plymouth MN where she attended high school. After graduation, she attended the University of Minnesota where she was a physical education major and swam for four years on the university women's swim team.

Janet then moved to the Bayfield WI area in 1978 where she resided for 15 years. She is very much an outdoors person and she enjoyed living in a cabin in the Northwoods where she spent time on and near Lake Superior. Janet owned Voyageur Canoe Paddles where they made over 5000 canoe paddles a year in a barn on the property and shipped them around the country. Janet also worked as a special education teacher during this time.

In 1994 she moved back to the Twin Cities and taught the last 20 years of her career at Spring Lake Park High School.

She retired from teaching in 2014 and became a downhill ski instructor at Trollhaugen Ski Area in Dresser WI during the winter months. During the summer she is a volunteer river guide on the St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers. She also enjoys riding in the Twin Cities Bike Club whenever possible.

Janet has always been a person who wants to give joy to others and Bikes4Kids became a good match for her. Since she became a volunteer several years ago, she has been able to satisfy her goal of being involved in a local organization that benefits kids or adults in something that appeals to her passion. She enjoys the happiness that she can bring to others through her volunteer work. She also serves as the B4K morale champion by organizing several outings with her volunteer friends at B4K.

As you can see, Janet leads a very busy and active life which has also included her care, love and support for her two daughters.

Thank you, Janet, for your spirit of volunteerism and contributions to Bikes4Kids.



To our Leader and special friend, Al Sannerud, we extend our best wishes for a very happy 95th birthday. All of us at Bikes4Kids wish you continued good health in many years to come.



Why We Do What We Do...



We get letters and responses from the large population of people that we serve. Here are just a few of the many responses we get:

You certainly know how to make a person feel special!
 Thank you very much for the 4 bicycles you donated, we so + plan this summer. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
 - The Makarych family 2015

Bikes4Kids,
 Thank you for your generous donation of a bikes-welder bike. The students are thrilled!
 Biang Nathan, Nicole Fehon
 HALEY OSCAR #2 Danyssa
 Frankin Ehis Lewis M
 Donnie #MelroseLundberg

Bikes4 Kids,
 Thank you for your gift of 2 bikes for our Anoka-Hennepin School district family. These bikes will bring joy + healthy play to two of our students but they are so much more than that. You have given a father the means to provide a gift his children want. You are showing him our community cares. The pride and dignity your gift gives to this family is not something you can measure. Of course we are so grateful for the beautiful bikes and helmets, but your ability to make a Christmas miracle happen fills us with joy. Thank you! We hope you have a very Happy New Year!
 Warmest Wishes - The HOPE office
 Kate
 Trunk
 You
 Love
 Amanda

Operations Statistics

(Statistics provided by Cindy Bailey)

