

B4K Newsletter

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2nd Annual Bikes4Kids Legacy Ride

(Pictures and information provided by Paula Foley)

Bikes4Kids sponsored the second annual Legacy Bike Ride on September 29th at Elm Creek Park Reserve in Maple Grove .



76 riders participated in the ride on the day of the event. It was a cloudy and chilly 40-45 degree day, with up to 8mph winds and even some snow flurries! We gave away swag bags filled with items from 13 different businesses. We had donations from Breadsmith, the Brooklyn Park Hy-Vee Starbucks, Riverdale Target, Andover Target, Riverdale Walmart, Andover Walmart, Riverdale Cub Foods, Andover County Market, Riverdale Costco, and Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures that allowed us to provide refreshments before, during and after the event. 12 random door prizes valued from \$18 to \$100 were donated by Ramsey Bicycle. Ramsey Bicycle, Pioneer Cycle, Trailhead Cycling and Alina donated bikes for our bike raffle.

Balloons Galore and More provided balloons to make the event more festive, and Print Central donated all the printing for the event. Sponsorships were obtained from Connexus, Bremer Bank, Thrivent, Blaine Ham Lake Rotary, Falcon National Bank, Northeast Bank, and the Willock family. The total income after expenses totaled just under \$4000.

In the Spotlight



This section is set aside as an opportunity for you to acquaint yourself with some of the many volunteers in the Bikes4Kids organization. For this issue our spotlight shines on Chuck Cotch.



Chuck is one of the original volunteers with Bikes4Kids. He started fixing bikes with Kiwanis in Leroy Curwick's garage in 2007. He has continued in his roll and does many projects related to B4K. His most challenging was to restore the Hoop House where the bikes are stored and protected from the weather.

Chuck has also worked in many other volunteer efforts and considers his work with "Toys for Joy" a favorite during the Christmas season.

Chuck has lived in the Coon Rapids area since 1975 and has been an active retiree since 2001. Although he enjoys volunteering, he finds it difficult when it is not possible to fill the needs of some people. He enjoys working with all the volunteers at Bikes4Kids.

Bikes for Gambia!

(Pictures and information provided by Paula Foley)

There was a lot of activity at B4K with preparing 450 bikes to be sent to Gambia, Africa. The bikes were loaded onto trailers and driven to a shipping container where they will await delivery by Pateh and Isatou Baldeh.



Pateh and Isatou have made it their mission to supply bikes to the people of The Gambia, and we are happy to help them with this mission. Some bikes donated to us are too worn for us to repair to the level of safety that we strive for, but these same bikes are in demand by other populations around the world. Thanks to people like Pateh and Isatou, your donations reach far and wide!

Help us to help them. Donate your time, talents, resources and bikes to B4K today!



TCF Contribution to B4K

(by Paula Foley)

As a non profit run 100% by volunteers, B4K depends on the generosity of others to help fund our mission. With that being said.....

THANK YOU employees of TCF Bank Plymouth!!! Winnie and the crew stopped at the shop today to take a tour and present us with a check from cash donations by their employees, plus a company match.

The look on a child's face when they receive a bike is priceless, which makes your gift more valuable than you know. Thanks for helping us spread the love!



Operations Statistics

(Statistics provided by Cindy Bailey)

