

# WORKING BIKES ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY–DECEMBER 2014



## A YEAR IN REVIEW

On October 14, 2014 we celebrated Working Bikes' 15th anniversary with many of you—our staff, volunteers, board members, supporters, and partners. 2014 was certainly worth celebrating:

- Supporters hosted over 100 “bike drives,” diverting about 9,000 bicycles from landfills.
- Volunteers packed 13 containers of bikes for our international partners and repaired bikes for our local donation recipients at a breakneck pace. We donated 7,448 bicycles in total, including 1,130 to individuals in Chicago.
- In our largest single local donation yet, we collaborated with the T.A.G. Foundation to provide bikes, helmets, and locks to 500 very excited kids at the Bronzeville Bike Giveaway in May.
- We expanded our bike maintenance and ridership programs from 2013, serving over 100 youth and adults through partnerships with Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy, Streetwise, Chicago Help Initiative, the Oak Park Education Foundation, ElevArte, One Summer Chicago, and the Chicago Public Library.

As we look back at this milestone year, we also reflect upon how Working Bikes began. In 1999, Working Bikes was a small group of motivated bike-recyclers with a garage, some scrap yard bicycles, and a desire to provide those in need with a source of transportation, a way to access life changing resources. Today over 50,000 individuals around the world own a bike because of Working Bikes, and because of the hard work and enthusiasm of our many supporters. Thank you for helping to make Working Bikes the organization it is, by giving your time, your energy, your ideas—and your old bikes.

We look forward to giving many more old bikes new homes in 2015. We hope you will continue to keep us in your mind and offer your support.

Have a wonderful year!

The Working Bikes Crew

p.s. Be sure to visit [www.WorkingBikes.org](http://www.WorkingBikes.org) to learn more about our work.

# WHO WE ARE

## Current Staff

Marie Akerman -

Communications & Development Manager

Aaron Brown -

Senior Mechanic

Jeff Coufal -

Mechanic

Bk Elmore -

Volunteer Coordinator

Paul Fitzgerald -

General Manager

Matt LeMoine -

Driver & Fleet Manager, Mechanic

David Nasca -

Mechanic

Alan Lloyd -

Mechanic

Nick Wilson -

Mechanic

Mikey Young -

Mechanic



## Board

Trevor Clarke -Secretary

Amelia Jaffe

Phil Kaplan - Board President

Jim Lindsey

Amy Little - Vice President

Regina Murphy

Lee Ravenscroft

Pete Travnicek - Treasurer

Eric Wood





# WORKING BIKES



## BIKE LIFE CYCLE



BRING ON THE **BIKE DONATIONS**



**FIXABLE**

**NOT FIXABLE**



**STAFF  
REPAIR  
BIKES**

**VOLUNTEERS REPAIR  
BIKES  
FOR DONATION  
IN CHICAGO**

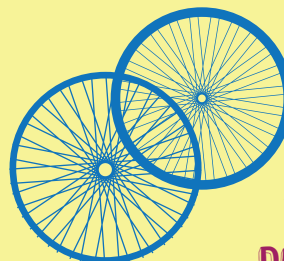
**SENT TO PARTNER  
ORGANIZATIONS IN  
AFRICA & LATIN  
AMERICA**

**DONATION PROGRAMS  
HELP INDIVIDUALS AND  
COMMUNITIES IN NEED**

**AFFORDABLE & RELIABLE  
BIKES/PARTS PURCHASED  
BY CHICAGOANS**



**ALL SALES FUND OUR  
DONATION PROGRAMS**



**VOLUNTEERS  
DISSASSEMBLE  
FOR PARTS**

**USED TO REPAIR** **FIXABLE BIKES OR** **SORTED** **INTO BINS**

# BIKE DONATIONS

## INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS
Ability Bikes	Ghana	1
Bikes for Lesotho	Lesotho	1
CESTA	El Salvador	5
FUSAL	El Salvador	1
Goodwill Panama	Panama	1
Village Bicycle Project	Ghana	4

In 2014 Working Bikes donated 6,288 bikes to our international partners in 13 shipments. 1,364 of these bikes were shipped from the warehouses of our partners, B-Works of St. Louis, MO, and The Bike Project of Urbana-Champaign, IL.

## LOCAL DONATIONS

### PARTNER ORGANIZATION and NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Better Boys Foundation	70	Mercy Home	20
Better Life Faith International	50	Miscellaneous	38
Chicago Help Initiative	6	North Side Housing	6
Christian Missionary Peace Makers	8	Parker Child-Parent Center	48
Dearborn Homes	10	Roots: The Redwood Tree	25
DePriest School	15	Streetwise	3
Ersula Howard Child Care Center	20	Tabitha House	15
Four Star Bikes	4	TAG Foundation	500
Growing Home	2	Thresholds	10
Habilitative Systems Inc	20	Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare	2
Heartland Alliance	10	Universidad Popular	25
Hines VA	12	White Rose Catholic Worker	2
W.B. Holiday Kids Bike Sale	195	World Relief	14

This year we donated 1,130 bicycles to individuals and partner organizations here in Chicago. At our annual Holiday Kids Bike Sale we provided 195 bikes and helmets to children for a \$5-10 copay. In addition to our Chicago donations, we gave 15 bikes to a deserving bike coop in Columbus, OH.

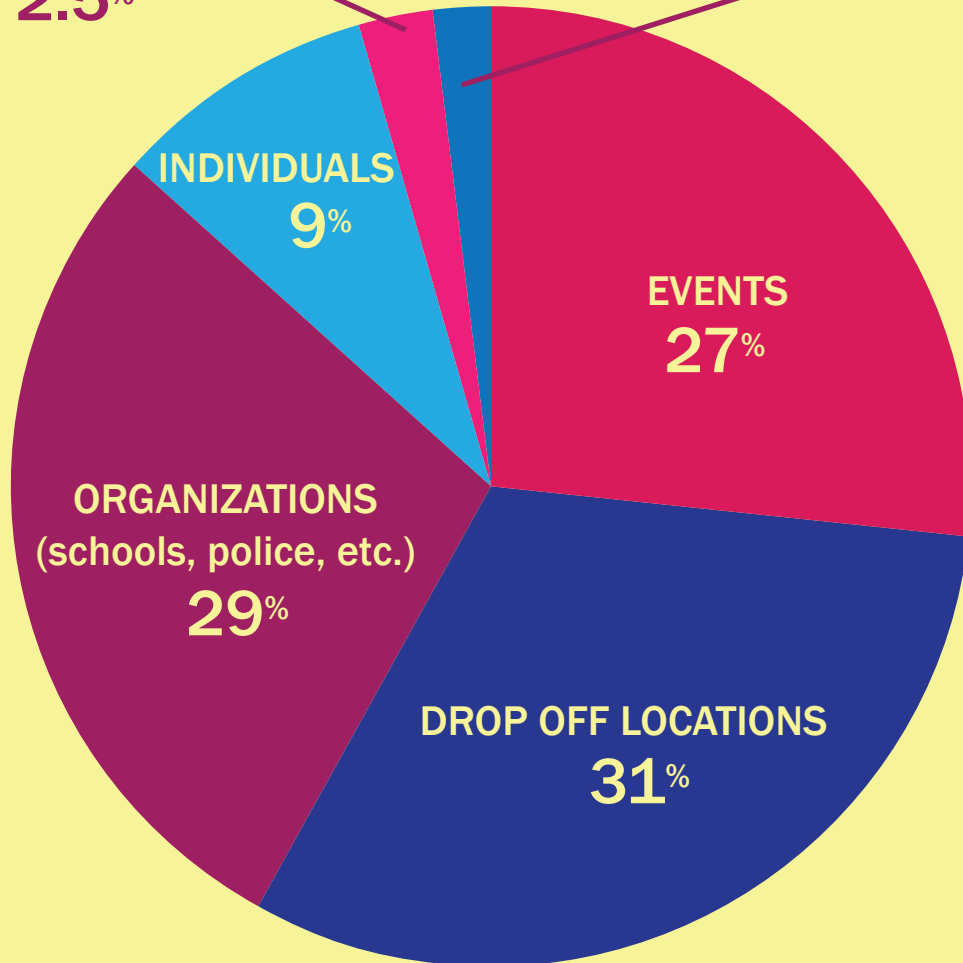


# WHERE OUR BIKES COME FROM



PROPERTY  
MANAGERS  
2.5%

WALK IN  
DONATIONS  
1.5%



Working Bikes receives bikes from an array of sources: from spring cleaners clearing out their garage to municipalities moving abandoned bikes from public racks, from our wonderful drop off locations to energetic bike drive event hosts. We appreciate the support of the thousands of donors and partners who help us achieve so much.

In 2014, 20% of bicycle donations came from drop off locations, events, and organizations out of state, in Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.



# FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

While the vast majority of donations we receive come in the form of bikes, we are given monetary donations as well. In 2014 we received \$58,000 in monetary donations. Of that, \$2,250 came from donors using the website Guidestar. Other major donations came from the Henriot Champagne Company's "Tour d'Henriot," Whole Foods One Dime at a Time Program, Evanston Bicycle Club, CTC Trading Group, Oregon Manifest's "Bike Design Project," and supporters of our 15th Anniversary fundraiser in October.

## OUR DONORS & SPONSORS

Alan Taylor	Frank Richardson	Nicole Lee
Alvin & Elizabeth Katz	Friends & family of Florence	Oak Park Education
Amy & Dan Kaufman	Hamilton	Foundation
Andrew & Gail Brown	Henriot Champagne	Oregon Manifest
Andrew Lowenthal	Hui Hwa Nam	People's DJ Collective
Angela Ford	Jill and Rick Olswanger	Peter & Colleen Mulchrone
Anonymous	Jillian Cook	Rainbow Cone
Baker Tilly LLP	Joanne & Cataldo Panici	Robert Helle
Barton Crouch	Joe & Carol Bernier	Schubas Bike Bash
Bobette Takiff	John Porterfield & Cheryl	Simioni Imports
Bruce Mabee	Pomeroy	Stephen Siegel & Susan Bandes
Carhartt	Julia Pulk	The Handlebar
Chicago Community Foundation	Lagunitas Brewery	The Jordan-Wood Family
Chicago Diner	Larry Bogolub	Timbuk2
Congregation Solel	Lisa Temkin	Tristan Osterhues
Countryside Church Unitarian	Logan Middle School	United Way
Universalist	MacArthur Foundation	Unity Temple Unitarian
CTC Trading & Michael Redmond	Marcia Bogolub	Universalist Congregation
Derek J. Burge-Beckley	Marilynne Martin	Upton's Naturals
Elizabeth C. Burtelow	Mark & Lorraine Perlen	Victor Carreon
Ellen Bogolub & Neil Friedman	Matthew Thein	Wheeling Wheelmen
Evanston Bicycle Club	Mutual Federal Bank	Whole Foods
Frances E. Streit Foundation	Nancy Gerrie	Zebra Technologies

\*List includes donors who give over \$100



# OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



25th Ward Alderman Danny Solis

Better Boys Foundation

Bikes for the World

Bronzeville Bikes

Chicago Help Initiative

ElevArte Community Studio

Francis W. Parker School

Go Pilsen/CDOT

Green Corps

Groupon

Instituto Health Science Career Academy

Latin School of Chicago

Oak Park Education Foundation

One Summer Chicago

SCARCE

Streetwise

TAG Foundation

The Chicago Public Library

The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

The Recyclery

WBEZ

West Town Bikes

Whole Foods

Many thanks to our regular volunteers,  
who help out every Tuesday, Wednesday, and  
Saturday, and go above and beyond at our  
monthly shipping parties.

We're also grateful for the support of  
our wonderful drop off locations!

To view a complete list go to:

[www.workingbikes.org/drop-off-locations/](http://www.workingbikes.org/drop-off-locations/)



# SNAPSHOTS OF 2014

**JANUARY** — From January thru March we were the beneficiary of Chicago Whole Foods' One Dime at a Time Program, which raised a whopping \$16,000 in 3 months.

**FEBRUARY** — In the dark depths of winter we launched our computer volunteer log in system. Volunteers logged over 15,000\* hours in 2014! \*Note: This is rough! We're still missing folks who forget to log in & it doesn't include the 32 volunteer groups who helped this year.



**MARCH** — W.B. teen interns, Cesar, Justin, Carol, & Cauria raced in the Gapers Block Crits, on vintage Schwinn's of course.



**APRIL** — Our community supporters kicked off bike drive season right with 21 collection events in April alone!



**MAY** — 500 kids from Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood got new bikes, helmets, & bike safety tips, donated by Working Bikes & the T.A.G. Foundation.





# SNAPSHOTS OF 2014 CONTINUED...

**JUNE** — For 6 weeks, ten teen interns hired through the City of Chicago's One Summer Chicago helped run our shop and learned about basic bike maintenance.



**JULY** — We put our "bike machines" to work at local community garden, Roots & Rays', Garden Ride event. After a short ride around Pilsen, volunteers turned pedal power into refreshing smoothies & turn table tunes.



**AUGUST** — A delegation of W.B. members journeyed to Columbus, Ohio for Bike!Bike!, an annual conference for community bike projects.



**SEPTEMBER** — A group of volunteers, board, and staff biked (ok, some drove...) from Chicago to Beverly Shores, IN for a W.B. weekend bike & bbq excursion.

# SNAPSHOTS OF 2014 CONTINUED...

**OCTOBER** — Volunteers, staff, board members, & community supporters celebrated Working Bikes' 15th Anniversary with a fundraiser at the Lagunitas Brewery Taproom, raising about \$8,000.



**NOVEMBER** — Board Member Trevor Clarke & volunteer James Paneral traveled to Urbana, IL to help our partner, The Bike Project, load a container for the Village Bicycle Project in Ghana. All told, Working Bikes shipped 13 containers with 6,288 bicycles to our international partners in 2014.

**DECEMBER** — Thanks to our volunteer mechanics the Holiday Kids Bike Sale was a smashing success. At \$5-\$10 a bike, the sale aims to make bikes accessible gifts for low income families. This year 195 children received bikes, plus helmets generously donated by Disparti Law Group.

