



Bikes for the Philippines  
Baclayon Bohol, Philippines  
Photo Credit: Yvette Hess



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## 2012 SNAPSHOT

A quick year-in-review of  
Bikes for the World  
accomplishments and achievements

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Bikes for the World is a community of people helping people. Thousands of individuals and organizations donate bikes, time and money to help us meet our mission and ultimately change lives from DC to remote pockets in the Philippines. The network stretches across bike shop storage, recycling facilities, and suburban garages across the globe to the urban streets in Kenya and Panama and rural roads of Uganda, Costa Rica, and South Africa- where "re-cycled" bikes help disadvantaged individuals become more productive.

In December we hit a milestone, shipping over 13,500 bikes in 2012—a 50 percent increase over 2011 - to partner organizations in a dozen overseas countries. Earlier this year, Bikes for the World partnered with national retailer Dick's Sporting Goods where a trade-in sale at 485 stores resulted in 4,200 donated bikes.

Thanks to all your hard work, in October, we shipped our 70,000th bike! Every person whose life you've changed with a donated bike is grateful for your gift that made it all—the collecting, compacting, sorting, packing, shipping in 40-foot containers, reconditioning and distributing of 70,000 bikes across 12 countries—possible. Each bike donated represents a ticket to work, school, or health care, not just for one person, but for an entire family, indeed an entire community.

Bikes for the World wants to say THANK YOU because without you we could have never made such a huge impact and touched nearly as many lives. Please share this update with anyone who may have helped with your collection, loading, or event with Bikes for the World.

Next year in 2013 we hope to continue growing and we want you to join us. We will be launching a new website any day, continue to add updates to our blog, and share photos and videos on facebook. Follow us online, host your own BfW collection next spring, or bring the office out for a team building experience loading a container of bicycles.



To see related video click on the wheel throughout this PDF.

Rockville City TERRIFIC Earn-a-Bike program (bikes donated by BfW)

Photo Credit: Yvette Hess




## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bikes for the World reached two milestones in one year in 2012..we shipped our 60,000th bike at the beginning of the year to BEN Namibia and then this fall we shipped #70,000 to FINCA Costa Rica.

Our last shipment in December to new partner Wheels of Africa in Kenya brought our 2012 total number of bikes shipped to over 13,500 a new BfW record!

### How'd We Do It?

- 100+ community service bike collections
- 20 area bike shops partnering with BfW
- 900+ volunteers
- National partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods



Jim Mitchell and Nick Colombo

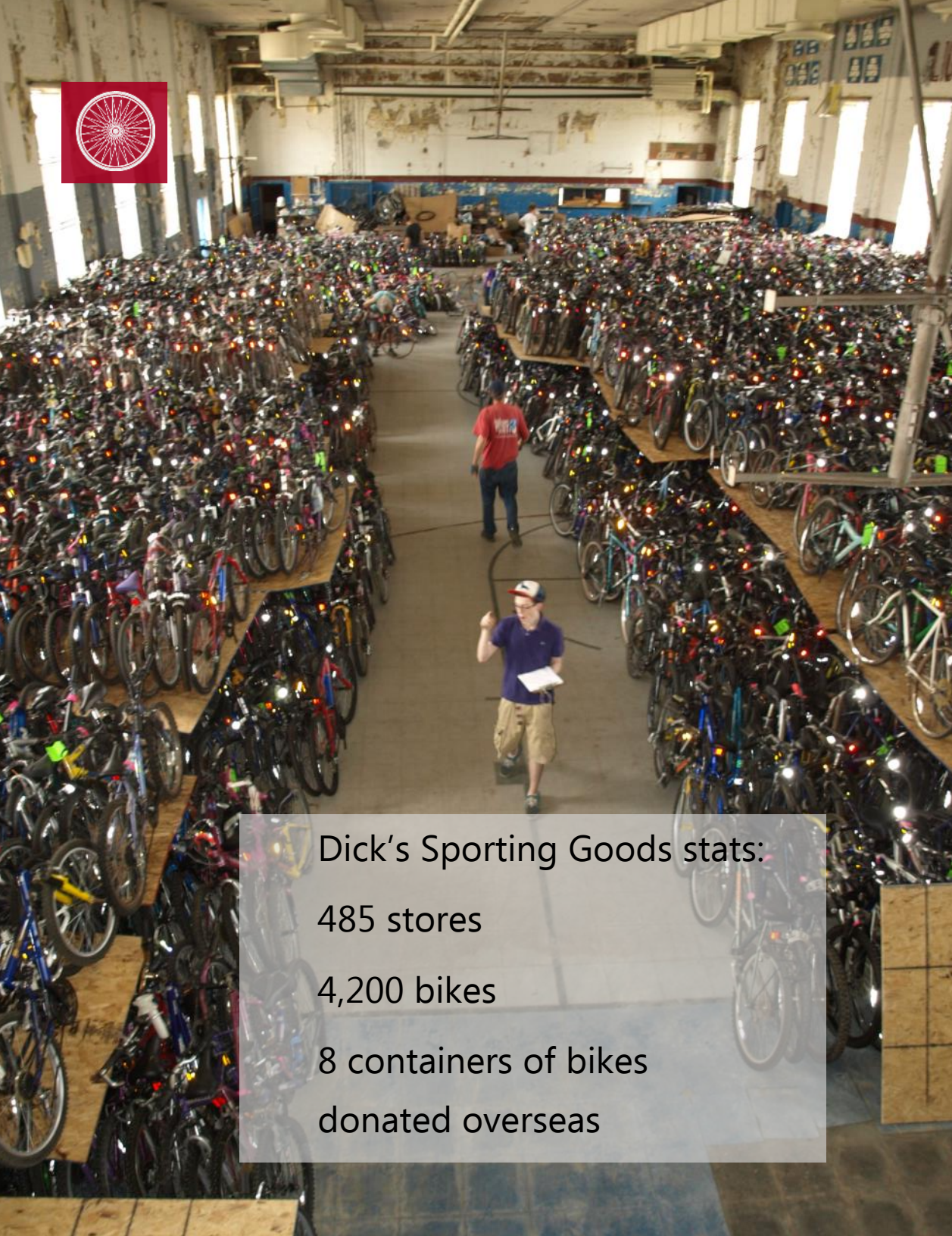
Load 70,000th bike...

And Katie and Jose find it in Costa Rica

Photo Credit: Yvette Hess and Katie Jackson



Keith Oberg, Matt Herndon, and  
Roberto Chavez load #60,000



Dick's Sporting Goods stats:

485 stores

4,200 bikes

8 containers of bikes

donated overseas

## BIKE SHOPS

In May BfW partnered with national retailer Dick's Sporting Goods where a trade-in sale at 485 stores resulted in 4,200 donated bikes

Bikes for the World also partners with 20 local bike shops throughout the year collecting about 15% of our overall bikes.

Some of our biggest partners:

Bike Doctor (Arnold)

Bike Rack

Bikes @ Vienna

Capitol Hill Bikes

City Bikes

Race Pace

Revolution Cycles (Rockville)

Silver Cycles

Spokes\*\*

\*\*Spokes Etc. has collected over 500 bikes in 2012\*\*



Nick and Chris loading bikes from Spokes Etc.

Photo Courtesy: Spokes Etc.



Pennswood Village

Photo Credit: Jack Bertolino

## COLLECTIONS (with over 75 bikes)

Ann Jackson and Friends with Pedal Pushers  
 Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Environment Club  
 Cape Fear Academy  
 City Bikes Chevy Chase (Eagle Scout Project)  
 Colvin Run Elementary  
 Cumberland Rotary and Western MD Wheelmen  
 ECARE of Arlington  
 First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 Iskwelahang Pilipino (Bikes for the Philippines)  
 Otterbein United Methodist Church  
 Pennswood Village Residents Association  
 Race Pace Bicycles at Howard Greenfest  
 Redeemer Lutheran (Eagle Scout Project)  
 REI Fairfax (Eagle Scout Project)  
 St Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church  
 Trinity United Methodist Church  
 Washington Hebrew Congregation  
 Wesley Freedom Church



Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church



Senthil Kannan's Eagle Scout Project  
at REI Fairfax

Photo Credit: Yvette Hess

## EAGLE SCOUTS

BfW assisted seven Boy scouts with their community service leadership projects required for their rank of Eagle Scout.



Eric Park, troop 877	100+ Bikes
Michael Niemann, troop 807	46 Bikes
Trevor Coleman, troop 1365	29 Bikes
Nicholas Bielamowicz, troop 1916	137 Bikes
Senthil Kannan, troop 1983	77 Bikes
Thomas Tribble, troop 1983	30 Bikes
Alex Tatem, troop 255	90 Bikes

*"The collection was a great project because it put me in a position to coordinate and lead a very hands on event. I remember feeling overwhelmed by some of the planning at the time, but in reality, it was great preparation for the amount of planning some work required in college and beyond in the work force... At Dickinson College, I became very involved in their campus sustainability programs; looking back, the time coordinating work with BfW probably implanted that desire in me to see things put to good use through recycling and reusing."*

Chris Richards, troop 167 Eagle Scout 2005



Nick Bielamowicz's Eagle Scout Project at Redeemer Lutheran

Photo Credit: Anne Bielamowicz

Skills Training in South Africa

Photo Credit: BEN South Africa



## OVERSEAS PARTNERS

In 2012 BfW shipped **13,500 bikes to 12 countries** including three new partners: Kenya, South Africa, and Sierra Leone.

**Village Bicycle Project** in Ghana and Sierra Leone focused on teaching women how to ride increasing their confidence and productivity in the village.

**Bicycling Empowerment Network in Namibia (BENN) and South Africa** continues to focus on training in bike mechanics and business to increase the number of locally owned bike shops supported by donated stock.

BENN is also mentoring the younger **Wheels of Africa** group we support in Kenya.

- Barbados
- Costa Rica
- Ghana
- Honduras
- **Kenya**
- Namibia
- Panama
- Philippines
- **Sierra Leone**
- **South Africa**
- Uganda
- United States



Learning to ride in Sierra Leone

Photo Credit: Village Bicycle Project

## PHILIPPINES

Bikes for the Philippines is one of BfW's newer partners set to receive their second shipment of bikes first thing in 2013. The first container supported a Bikes for Education program in Baclayon on the island of Bohol. The second will be delivered to a neighboring community in Maribojoc.

Students are issued a bike based on family income and kilometers from school. Upon graduation the students earn the bikes outright.

Cycling, as transportation, exercise, and a vehicle for social change, has taken a major role in the school system as well as the entire community. Students are taught to ride, how to care for their bikes, and overall bike safety. The bicycle has brought a new confidence and energy level to our beneficiaries. They have not only received a way to stay in school but also hopes and dreams for their futures, where there once were none.



Bikes for the Philippines  
Photo Credit: Yvette Hess



BfP bike mechanics class  
Photo Credit: Bikes for the Philippines

Peace Corps Panama Friends help  
load container for Panama

Photo Credit: PCPF



## VOLUNTEERS

BfW is the largest bicycle reuse organization in the nation. We are only able to accomplish this because of the dedication of hundreds of individual volunteers and groups in the community that not only help find, collect, and process the bikes, but also load them.

This year, BfW made an effort to schedule loadings in advance and offer unique team building exercises to a number of school groups, community clubs, and businesses, some of which are listed below:

Cyprus Friends Program, George Mason Center for Social Entrepreneurs, DC Serves, Fairfax Volunteers for Change, Flint Hill School, Howard Gardner School, International Honors Program, Opower, Our House, Peace Corps Panama Friends, Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church, Spokes Etc., Stone Ridge Sacred Heart Social Action Group



Phil Ruth BfW ace volunteer

Photo Credit: Yvette Hess

Thank You!



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See you in 2013