



10 Years
1,000 Collections
100,000 Bikes



BikesfortheWorld.org

Snapshot 2014

2 Bikes for the World has donated over 100,000 bikes to people all over the world
0 since 2005. With the effort of nearly 13,500 volunteers, we've delivered quality
1 used bicycles to 57 partners around the globe. Last year alone, we sent 27
4 shipping containers, holding 14,000 bikes to 9 different countries. These bicycles
were gathered at nearly 100 bike collection events hosted by schools, service clubs,
scout troops and businesses. Each bike represents a life-changing ticket to school,
work or health care for recipients.



Eagle project with troop 670
149 bikes



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One bike benefits four people



Benigno

Bikes for the World began shipping bikes to Costa Rica and Panama in our first year. In Central America your old bike is changing lives in many ways.

Benigno can carry four times the amount of produce to market, increasing his sales.

Javier can travel to school four times faster, freeing up time to do homework and helping his parents around the house.

Rosa can travel four times as far to complete errands, leaving more time for her family.

BELOW: **Modesto** received one of the first bikes we ever shipped. This photo is him today on the same bike he purchased 10 years ago.



Javier

Costa Rica



Rosa

El Salvador



Modesto

Panama

Delivering goods and protecting lives



Bikes in Africa keep students in school, help girls stay safe on dangerous roads, create jobs, increase productivity, and create a healthier, safer environment around cities.

As Ebola dominated the news in 2014, we saw the high value a bicycle has for a healthcare worker tasked with circulating information and bringing treatment to distant rural villages. When public transportation halted in Sierra Leone the bicycle became an invaluable tool for healthcare workers. Bikes were used to deliver soap and surgical gloves and allowed caregivers to disseminate accurate information to slow the spread of the disease.



Building rural bike shops

Training bike mechanics is essential to the mission of Bikes for the World. The process of getting your old bike up and running smoothly again creates jobs for bike mechanics throughout the world. These mechanics replace parts and then work to maintain them, creating a sustainable program and increasing the life of your old bike.



By partnering with local bike shops, Alta Bicycle Share, and community earn-a-bike programs, BfW is able to collect thousands of discarded bike parts and tires that have years of life left on them. These rescued parts increase value to our shipments overseas and help stock these local bike shop owners and village mechanics.

Local spotlight on cycling and recycling



Bikes for the World shipped our 100k bike on America Recycles Day emphasizing the impact recycling can have on our environment as well as our global society. We work with recycling centers, property managements, and universities to help repurpose abandoned bikes and put them to good use.

Working with Montgomery County's Shady Grove recycling center over the past decade, BfW has rescued 9,500 bikes (10% of our total bikes) from the county recycling center. Dedicated to the cause, Montgomery County has also contributed over \$50,000 to our program through this recycling effort.

In 2014, Bikes for the World increased our U.S. donations to 1,177 bikes, contributing to 10 local organizations from Missouri to Kentucky to right here at home in DC. Since 2005, BfW has donated 3,781 bikes to 26 U.S. organizations.

Many local groups include earn-a-bike projects which teach life skills to youth and give them a rewarding outlet outside of school. Through our donations young people learn to work as a team in a professional setting and earn bikes in the process.



2005-2015: Introducing the 1k Club

In 2014, Bikes for the World partnered with over 100 community groups to collect over 14,000 bikes around the region. Since 2005, some of those groups have collected bikes with us every year. Of those, some have collected over 100 bikes during every collection, earning them a place in our distinguished **1k Club**.

The following organizations collect bikes annually and over the past decade have collected over 1,000 bikes for BfW: the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, Cumberland Rotary, Arlington's E-CARE, Falls Church Recycling Center, Otterbein UM Church, St Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, and St. Joseph's Catholic Community at Wesley Freedom UM Church.



Otterbein United Methodist Church
2,375 bikes

**1,000 +
bikes
collected**



E-Care of Arlington

2043 bikes



Rotary Club of Carroll Creek

1335 bikes



Cumberland Rotary

1131 bikes



St Mary of Sorrows

1047 bikes

208 containers of bikes donated since 2005

In 2014, Bikes for the World donated 13,876 bikes worldwide. We added two recipient partners, one in Kentucky and one in South Africa. We also facilitated the donation of bikes to several smaller groups in Africa through our current partners.

BfW teamed up with school groups, companies, faith organizations, civic groups and even tourists to load 27 containers in 2014.

BELOW: BfW mentored **Bikes for Humanity** in Wisconsin to help them load and donate a container of bikes to Wheels of Africa in Kenya. A portion of those bikes were delivered to a Kenyan school where they will be loaned to girls to help them get to school each day.



Bikes for Humanity Oregon WI



Bikes for the World says goodbye to King Farm

2014 marked the final shuttering of BfW warehouses at our Springfield location, the old Lorton prison, and one of our most popular locations, King Farm in Rockville.

During our seven-year tenure at King Farm, BfW stored and dispatched more than 25,000 bicycles around the world.

The Rockville Youth Bike Project, which operated out of the BfW barn, provided local middle and high school students with opportunities to earn thousands of "student service learning" hours required for graduation. More importantly, these young people learned about the value of recycling and reuse and how bikes, as a means of transportation, change lives all over the world.

Our consolidation of space due to structural issues and redevelopment has streamlined operations but also presented us with warehouse concerns. A high priority for 2015 is to secure a more permanent warehouse.

