2013 Snapshot

Bikes for the World
Highlights and Accomplishments
2013 was another great collection year for Bikes for the World. BfW was joined by 26 schools, 20 faith groups, a dozen clubs such as Rotary and Knights of Columbus, and 10 scout troops, to name a few. In all there were **88 bike collections** in MD, PA, VA, DC, NJ, NC, SC, KY, and WV bringing **4,300 bikes** into our warehouses. Bikes for the World also partnered with over a dozen bike shops bringing in another **2,000 bikes**.

### 100+ bikes
- Otterbein United Methodist Church
- Patrick Franz Eagle Project 945 @ All American Bicycle
- Pennswood Village and George & Newtown Friends School
- St. Joseph’s Catholic Community @ Wesley Freedom
- Michael Dillard community project @ Spokes Etc.
- Glenwood Middle School and Glenwood Lions
- Appomattox Regional Governor’s School Spanish Club
- Washington Hebrew Congregation
- Ben O’Brien Eagle Project 170 in Kentucky
Bikes for the World’s global impact might be greatest right here at home through the rewarding community service projects we provide. We help ordinary people do extraordinary things, empowering them to reach into their communities and extend a helping hand across the globe.

Our volunteers learn the lifelong value of service. We are molding leaders through our Eagle projects and mentoring programs. We provide events for student service learning hours and craft special opportunities for groups such as Stone Ridge’s Social Action group. In addition to our service projects, BfW distributed over 1,000 bikes to local organizations from St. Louis to Chicago and the Washington DC Metro area.

SCOUT RECOGNITION:
- Ben O’Brien Eagle project KY troop 170
- Joseph Gerard Eagle project WV troop 68
- Sean Clark Eagle troop 1131
- Liam Brennan Eagle troop 1352
- Conor Mears Eagle troop 159
- John Finn Eagle troop 472
- Patrick Franz Eagle troop 945
- Boy scout troop 495 -Kent Island Collection
- Cub scout troop 91 -Gainesville Collection
- Girl scout troop 6823 -Collections
- Girl scout troop 5445 -Loading
- Boy scout troop 1983 -Loading
Bikes for the World donated a record setting **13,650 bikes** in 2013. This was made possible by the countless volunteers and corporate groups who joined us this past year to help load containers. Our added warehouse in Arlington made loading multiple containers at the same time possible. Over the summer we loaded a record **FOUR containers in ONE week**. In June we received 5,000 bikes from the DICK’S promotion. And we turned around and shipped 4,000 in the same month. **That’s a lot of bikes!**

We expanded our operation this year when we shipped bikes from St. Louis with the help of BWorks and from South Carolina through Gildan. A special shipment of 30 bikes went out of Baltimore with B.I.G., a group shipping books to Cameroon. **We shipped 28 containers in 2013.**

### Same Container

### LOADING TEAMS

- AOL
- Community Volunteer Network
- Cyprus Friendship Program
- DC Serve
- DICK’S Sporting Goods
- DM Bowman
- EPA
- Fed Ex
- Flint Hill School
- Gildan Activewear Inc
- Girl Scout Troop 5445
- Grant Thornton
- GMU State Department
- Greenwood School
- Howard Gardner School (2)
- IBM
- KBR
- Montgomery County Volunteers SSL (5)
- NOVA Meet Up Volunteers (3)
- PBS (2)
- Pentagon Area Junior Petty Officers Association (4)
- Positive Spin
- Salsa Labs
- So What Else?
- Stone Ridge Social Action (4)
- TeraThink
- Volunteer Fairfax
- William Penn House
Bikes for the World is proud to partner with local, national, and global partners to collect and transport bikes and fund our mission. DICK’S Sporting Goods collected and shipped 5,000 bikes to three warehouses for BfW in 2013.

Many local bike groups also donated tons of parts, in addition to surplus bikes, that will help keep our donated bikes working overseas. We thank, Working Bikes, St. Louis Bike Works, Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg, Recycle-A-Bicycle New York, Positive Spin, The Bike Kitchen, Phoenix Bikes, and Capital Bikeshare.
In 2013 Bikes for the World donated bikes to a dozen countries around the world, including three new partners. We shipped our first container to the established co-op Ability Bikes in Ghana which trains and employs (they are actually part owners) disabled individuals at the shop.

We are also awaiting the arrival of two containers to two other new partners. ChildFund International is a new education program for BfW in Mozambique. And Fundacion Adelante in Honduras is a micro-finance project we hope to continue supporting. Follow us online for updates and photos from these pilot projects throughout the next year.

**BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Pinelands Creative Workshop — Barbados
- Cameroon Education Foundation — Cameroon
- FINCA — Costa Rica
- CESTA — El Salvador
- Ability Bikes Cooperative — Ghana
- Village Bicycle Project — Ghana
- Art for Humanity — Honduras
- Fundacion Adelante — Honduras
- Wheels of Africa — Kenya
- ChildFund International — Mozambique
- Goodwill Panama — Panama
- Village Bicycle Project — Sierra Leone
- Various local projects — USA:
  - Baltimore Christmas Bike Project, Bikes for Tykes, Teens, and Adults, Kristi’s Christmas, Phoenix Bikes, Rockville’s TERRIFIC program, Working Bikes in Chicago
Donated bikes are doing more for communities than just providing affordable transportation, they are bringing new skills and business to remote areas. Each of our selected partners is uniquely different in how they are using YOUR old bikes.

In Kenya, through the guidance of BfW partner BEN Namibia, Wheels of Africa is training locals to run successful bike shops known as Bicycle Empowerment Centres. Individuals are being trained in bike mechanics and business and receive stock for their shops from our donated bikes and parts.

In Ghana, Village Bicycle Project provides workshops in remote villages where they teach riding skills, basic maintenance, and more advanced mechanic skills. They also provide bikes, parts, and tools at a low cost to help support budding bike shops in these areas that will keep these bikes rolling for years.

"I want my children to see me doing this work, that is my dream. I’m proud of myself because I am the only woman mechanic in Koforidua.” Mirriam Oduro, Ability Bikes.
Village Bicycle Project focused on teaching girls to ride in Sierra Leone in 2013. They created a 'bike library' for girls to borrow a bike to get to school. For many girls a bike is the only way to get to school safely. Because many girls are also responsible for household chores a bike allows them to travel to school quickly, saving time, and arriving to class on time.

In 2012 Bikes for the Philippines saw their first group of bike beneficiaries graduate high school, several of them going on to college. In 2013 Bikes for the World sent bikes to expand this program to other school districts, helping more students stay in school.

We are committed to supporting education projects and added two in 2013. ChildFund International is supplying bikes to students in Mozambique and we also sent a small shipment of bikes to Cameroon for students in school.
Each month we honor one of our standout volunteers, but the truth is we would never be able to touch the lives we do without the help of ALL of our volunteers.

We collect and ship **14,000 bikes annually**. We can only accomplish this through our community bike collections and community service loadings.

**YOU MAKE THIS DREAM A REALITY**

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Cyprus Friendship Program
Many thanks to you for your support in 2013 and over the years. In 2014 we hope you will join us as we set out to make an even bigger impact. We hope to collect and donate over **14,000 bikes in 2014**, bringing the total number of bikes donated by Bikes for the World (and YOU) to **100,000**!

We have exciting new corporate partners already lined up and we are exploring several new beneficiary partners in Africa. It’s going to be an exciting year, and we hope you can join us!

Set up a bike collection with us or come out and help us load bikes at one of our warehouses. We have weekly volunteer opportunities at two of our warehouses, and plenty of work to do.

Visit www.bikesfortheworld.org and join us today!