Bikes for the World continues to work within the community to find, collect, and donate 10,000 bikes annually. Since our start in 2005 Bikes for the World has given new life to 120,000 used bicycles delivering hope and opportunity to nearly half a million people.

Bikes for the World increased bike donations at community led events by 13% in 2016. We also reduced the overall number of collection sites by 10%, making us stronger and more efficient.

Bikes for the World partnered with 35 new collection managers to bring our rewarding service projects into their schools, faith communities, and neighborhoods. We introduced the idea of service to hundreds of youth who worked with us at collection events, warehouse service days, and container loadings.

Bikes for the World continued our work with over a dozen local bike shops to gather donated bikes. In 2016 we collected 20% more bikes through this source than in 2015. We also continued work with universities, recycling centers, residential managers, businesses and police departments to collect nearly 2,000 additional bikes.

Bikes for the World delivered over 9,000 bikes to nine countries including youth programs in the US. These bikes helped generate jobs, increase capital in poor communities, provide affordable transportation, increase healthcare initiatives, encourage students to stay in school, and support local youth programs.
Over the past five years Bikes for the World has seen a steady increase in the number of bikes collected through community led collections. These include projects organized by school groups, faith communities, environmental groups, service clubs, and Eagle Projects.

Our leader of the pack this year was by far the **Rotary Club of Carroll Creek**, who collected over **500 bikes**. They are already poised to surpass this personal best again in 2017. Additionally, we had three other collection sites netting over **200 bikes** in one day and 14 collections turning in over **100 bikes** each.

Three of our new school partners, **Chesterbrook Elementary**, **Gunpowder Elementary** and **Round Hill/Banneker Elementary** all topped 100, collecting **386 bikes** between the four schools.

Of our ten Eagle Projects, five scouts led collection events that netted 100 or more bikes. Our leader there was John Abendroth with **Troop 1212**. John, his troop, and church collected **180 bikes** in the heat of August. Matthew Dirndorfer of **Troop 268** battled raindrops while collecting **154 bikes** last spring. Both future Eagle Scouts forced our drivers into Plan B mode just to get all those bikes back to the warehouse.

- 5,423 bikes collected at community events in 2016
- 10% FEWER collection sites
- 13% MORE bikes
- Added 14 new school partners in 2016
- School participation up 25%
- Faith group participation up 24%
- Supported record number of Eagle Projects in 2016
  - 10 collections
- Eagle Projects collected 1,066 bikes
- 22% of community collections were organized by youth
Annually, Bikes for the World collects 10,000 bikes. Half of those donated bikes come from community led collections. The other half come from a variety of ‘other’ sources, seen in graph below. These include bike shops and abandoned bikes rescued by recycling centers or universities.

These ‘other’ sources of bikes supply our warehouse with unprocessed bikes and provide service opportunities to our committed corps of volunteers who log thousands of hours with us throughout the year.

Our volunteers help prep bikes for the containers we ship overseas. They also help strip parts off marginal bikes. During a loading our volunteers help pack those bikes and parts into the containers we donate around the world. This year we shipped 19 containers to eight countries.
BIKE DISTRIBUTION 2016

2016 Focus:

**MICRO-FINANCE**
- MiBici Grupo FINCA
  - 2,010 bikes donated
  - Providing capital to villages

**JOB TRAINING**
- Goodwill Panama
  - 1,979 bikes donated
  - Employing disabled workers

**EMPOWERMENT**
- Village Bicycle Project Ghana
  - 1,373 bikes donated
  - Training women to ride

**SAFETY**
- Wheels of Africa Kenya
  - 1,015 bikes donated
  - Supporting bike advocacy

**RESPONSIBILITY**
- Pinelands Creative Workshop Barbados
  - 1,006 bikes donated
  - Sponsoring art initiatives

**ENVIRONMENT**
- CESTA Friends of Earth El Salvador
  - 944 bikes donated
  - Protecting the earth

**HEALTHCARE**
- MAHEFA-Lalana Madagascar
  - 488 bikes donated
  - Caring for patients

**EDUCATION**
- Bikes for the Philippines
  - 469 bikes donated
  - Educating students

**OPPORTUNITY**
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MAHEFA-Lalana

Madagascar, the fourth largest island in the world, is also one of the world's poorest countries. 80% of the population lives in rural areas with difficult access to most services. The availability of health services is extremely limited, leading to high rates of infant, child, and maternal mortality.

Through a series of healthcare initiatives, bicycles and bike mechanics were introduced to four regions of Madagascar to help treat patients and incentivize volunteer healthcare workers. Four bike shops (eBoxes) were established to help sustain this program.

An emergency transport system (ETS) was also created to transport sick patients. Volunteers were equipped with training and tools, such as bike ambulances, to help transport patients quickly and safely. 185,053 people now have access to emergency care through ETS.

Robin Erinesy drives a bicycle ambulance in the Menabe Region of Madagascar. He is 65 years old and volunteers to help transport mostly children, pregnant women, and the elderly to the hospital.

Robin helped deliver Baby Elimir’s mom (seen far left) to the hospital when she fell ill during her pregnancy. She and her daughter are now healthy and doing well.

Most recently Robin helped transport a baby in respiratory distress to a specialist miles away. Baby Mahazomaro is now fine and his parents attribute Robin with saving his life.

“I like knowing that even at my age, I can still make a difference in my community. This work allows me to save lives and also keeps me physically fit.”
BEN Namibia

Namibia is a country faced with a 20% HIV/AIDS infection rate. Like Madagascar, a large force of healthcare workers tending to patients are volunteers. Many volunteers walk for hours to see patients and either limit their time with each patient or limit visits per month due to time restraints.

BEN Namibia formed in 2005 to help tackle this obstacle. Donated bikes arrived in a shipping container which was transformed into a rurally placed bike shop. Mechanics and salespeople were trained to run the shops. These have become known as eBoxes and more recently have expanded to carry products like solar powered lights. Profits support the shop, staff, and community projects.

BEN Namibia has helped train Bikes for the World partners in Kenya and Madagascar to set up bike shops to serve their poorest communities. These businesses are supported through donated bikes and create jobs, provide affordable transportation and invest in the communities they serve.

Ekandjo Family

Okafitu is an eBox run by the Ekandjo Family in Northern Namibia. Hilya (far left) jumped at the chance to learn more about bike mechanics back in 2006. Once she learned those valuable skills she took them back to her community and wanted to train everyone in mechanics.

She and her father Lazarus started Okafitu to help support volunteer health workers treating AIDS patients in the community.

When Hilya wanted to expand the business she found brick delivery to their remote location was challenging and unpredictable. Being a problem solver, Hilya started her own brick making business!

Beata (immediate left) is Hilya’s sister and she now runs Okafitu. The Ekandjo’s have also opened a second location, Outapi.
Bikes for the Philippines

In the Philippines children who come from low-income households, especially in rural areas, often have limited access to education. Poverty remains a critical social problem, with over a quarter of the population falling below the poverty line.

Through the Bikes for Education project we aim to deliver bikes to these at-risk students in an effort to help them graduate and achieve greater success in life. Since implementing the program in 2012, teachers report students arrive on time for class, are rested and awake, and participate more in classroom discussions. Parents have seen their children’s grades improve and their excitement for learning increase.

Moving forward, Bikes for the Philippines continues to add new schools to the program by stretching their reach to now include all three major island groups in the Philippines—the first bike program in the country to achieve this goal.

From Maria to Jubanie

Jubanie Marquez is the proud owner of this purple Huffy that made its way to Mindanao in the Philippines after a long life with Maria in Baltimore. Jubanie is in eighth grade and lives in a modest home with 12 other family members. They are farmers and struggle to support a large family. Jubanie hopes to graduate and eventually become a mechanical engineer.

The bike was donated by Maria when she organized a bike collection at her school. She has fond memories of riding bikes with her dad on the trails. She is now a student at Harvard and is using a new bike to commute around campus. She is majoring in Integrative Biology and minoring in Environmental Science & Public Policy. “I’m so happy and grateful that the bike is helping Jubanie with his studies. This is such meaningful work—thank you for giving us the opportunity to positively impact a boy’s life!
On November 24, 2016 Hurricane Otto made landfall in Costa Rica. Hardest hit were the areas of Guanacaste and Alajuela, two areas where Bikes for the World donates bikes.

The community of Upala suffered the most damage during the storm. Bikes for the World had a container of bikes waiting in port destined for this area as the rains began to fall.

In two hours Upala received as much rain as they typically receive in a month and half. The rivers overflowed and mud poured into homes and businesses. The warehouse for our bikes became a Red Cross relief center for the community.

Our bikes were diverted to a nearby community to give Upala time to recover. More bikes will be donated to Upala in 2017.

Mari Gutierrez (far left) lives with her family in the community of Upala in Costa Rica. She and her son received bikes from MiBici and Bikes for the World.

After Otto hit Upala, Mari returned to her home the next day. She found that she lost everything in the floods that consumed the town. Everything EXCEPT a few articles of clothing and her bikes.

“I knew the bikes were okay so we wanted to grab them out of the house. When I saw three snakes swimming in the water a neighbor came to our rescue to help us pull out the bikes.”

The bikes were muddy but in good shape. Mari and her son rode them to find dry shelter.
Over 24,000 bikes donated to date!
KATSI, COSTA RICA

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