



Annual Report

2022

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The mission of Recycle-A-Bicycle is to provide recycled and refurbished bicycles to economically disadvantaged individuals in the Grand Traverse region.

Recycle-A-Bicycle had a very successful year in 2022 rebounding after COVID. Our team surpassed our goals of giving away 150 bicycles and 50 free repairs. Our totals for 2022 include **188 bicycles** given away and we kept our clients mobile with **65 free bike repairs**. In addition, we provided several bike replacements to previous clients where their bicycles were past effective transportation or too costly to repair.

We continue to provide our clients with a heavy duty cable lock and instructions on how to use it to correctly lock their bicycles, as we do not replace stolen bikes. New this year, we were able to provide front and rear blinking lights. These will make our clients safer and more visible. The feedback has been positive and previous clients have been coming in asking for lights.

Our annual Bike Swap event in June was smaller than past years but quite successful. This is one of our main fundraisers to help support our program. The event involves 50 volunteers and over 270 hours of transporting bikes to the Old Town Parking Garage, check in, floor set up, overnight security, bike sales, and clean up. In addition to the bike swap, our sales continued to be strong at the workshop which helped offset our cost and get affordable bikes into the community.

We would like to thank our workshop volunteers. In 2022, our workshop volunteers logged over **1,500 hours**. These volunteers assist our clients and customers, organize the workshop, assist with bookkeeping as well as refurbish the donated bicycles to make them useful again. Their effort is key to making this program a success.

Individuals from the Grand Traverse area and surrounding communities have been exceptionally generous with bicycle and part donations. We are very grateful for the over **400 donated bicycles** in 2022. Even the bikes that are too far gone to fix usually supply many useful parts that we can reuse on other bicycle repairs. We work with a local recycler to pick up and recycle remaining unused metal, keeping it out of the landfill.

Special thanks to all of the local bike shops. They continue to provide us with donated bikes, parts and more on an ongoing basis. This past autumn the Mackinac Island Bike Shop gave us a significant donation of tires and wheels.

Thank you to the following organizations for their support. Grants from these organizations allow Recycle-A-Bicycle to continue working in our community.

4Front Credit Union

Cherry Capital Cycling Club

Cherryland Electric Cooperative | Cherryland Cares

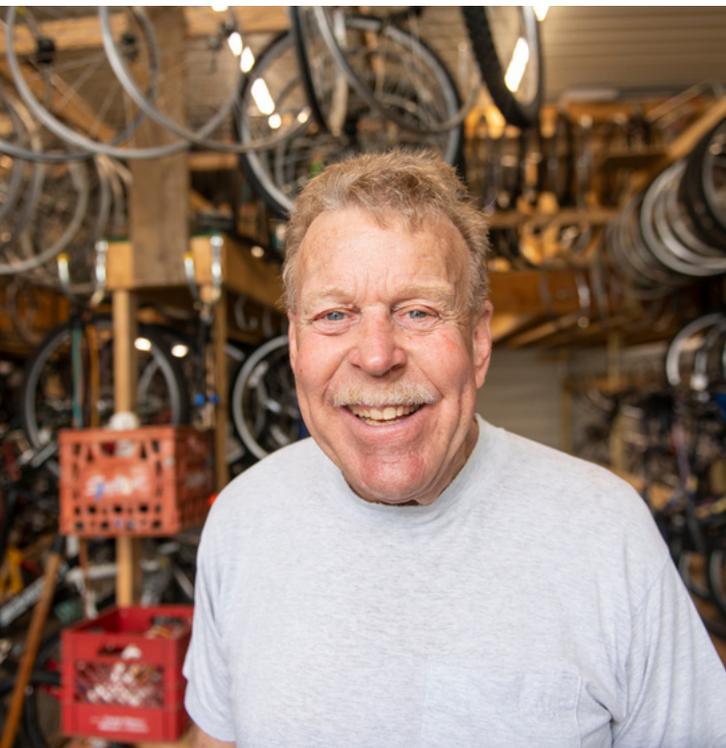
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation Campbell Endowment

Rotary Club of Traverse Bay Sunrise Foundation

United Way of Northwest Michigan

Thank you!



"I started Recycle-A-Bicycle in my home garage in 2007, then moved into the shop on Woodmere Ave. We joined TART Trails in 2011. In the 15 years that I have been leading Recycle-A-Bicycle we have given away 2,398 bicycles and have done over 425 free repairs.

In 2023, I am handing over the director position to Jeff and Melissa Zawisza. They have been long-time volunteers for RAB for 5 years. I will continue to work as a bike-mechanic both here and at my home workshop. Thank you for your commitment and support of this program over the years."

- Don Cunkle, R-A-B Program Founder

We are typically open 3 days a week from April until the middle of December. We also give bicycles away and provide needed repairs by appointment through the winter until we return in April 2023.

Please note we have new contact information:
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