



Kids Bike Lane

A Path to Empowerment

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2021 Annual Report

Introduction

Despite the ongoing virus pandemic, Kids Bike Lane had a very good year in 2021. In our sixth year, the combined efforts of many energetic individuals enabled us to increase our activities toward fulfilling our mission statement ...

Kids Bike Lane is a non-profit organization that partners with charities, community groups, civic organizations, corporations, and individuals to provide new and refurbished bikes for under-served youth toward the goal of empowering them to live a healthy and active lifestyle.



Some of the 600 bikes ready for delivery to 21 charities.

Summary of Six Years

When we review the past six years of providing and servicing bikes, we celebrate the following:

- In six annual Big Bike Builds we have donated 3,490 new bikes and helmets to more than twenty-five charities in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.
- In five years, our bike mechanics refurbished 354 used bikes that were donated to a number of charities, schools, and individuals.
- We have conducted five Team Building Bike Builds where more than 100 employees assembled 75 bikes that were presented to local charities.
- Since 2019 we have presented nine adaptive bikes to special needs riders.
- **This adds up to 3,928 bikes** that have been delivered to youth and young adults to empower them to live active, safe, healthy lives.

2021 Activities

1. Free Bike Repair Clinics

Kids Bike Lane offered three no-contact, free bike repair clinics in 2021. One was held at the Pleasanton School District office, a second at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church on Enos Way in Livermore, and a third repair clinic was conducted in Brentwood by one of our KBL Board members in cooperation with Village Community Resource Center.



2. Distribution of Refurbished Bikes

Throughout the year we received used bikes that were refurbished by two of our Board members who are experienced bike mechanics. Some of the refurbished bikes were given to kids who were identified by school caseworkers to be in need of a bike. Adult sized bikes were donated to the Livermore Homeless Refuge and Shepherds Gate in Livermore. We delivered bikes to Jewish Family Community Services/East Bay for refugees and to several other charities. In 2021 KBL donated 92 refurbished bikes, which was more than twice as many as we donated in 2020. We also provided locks and new helmets where needed.



In addition to donating many bikes to the Jewish Family Community Services/East Bay one of our bike mechanics serviced another 25 bikes that were donated by others to the Center, to assure they were safe and in good repair.

3. The Annual Big Bike Build

On December 4 we conducted our sixth annual Big Bike Build (BBB). About 275 volunteers assembled 600 brand new bikes that were distributed to 21 charities in Alameda and Contra

Costa Counties. The charities in turn gave them to their family/children clients for Christmas. Each child that received a bike also received a helmet.

Some of the features of the 2021 Big Bike Build include:

- The 600 boxes of bikes were delivered in large bundles, wrapped on pallets. To prepare for assembling the bikes on Saturday a group of twenty or so boys and their mothers, from two chapters of Young Men's Service League, came after school on Friday afternoon to unpack the pallets, distribute bike boxes to workstations, and set up all the tables and chairs for the assembly groups and in the lunch building.
- The Alameda County Fairgrounds made available four of their large buildings. One for assembling bikes, another for lunch, a third for the quality control mechanics, and the fourth for staging the bikes to be picked up by the charities. In addition, the Fairgrounds provided about 100 tables and 200 chairs, a warmer oven, a cooler for drinks, a PA system, and dumpsters for depositing the flattened cardboard boxes.
- To keep everyone safe all volunteers wore a mask, worked in small groups, and kept a good distance from other groups.
- Since the weather was very comfortable some of the small groups moved outside to work on the lawn or parking area to be a safe distance from other groups.
- The AT&T Pioneers, an organization of retired AT&T employees, arranged for and covered the costs of all the snacks, supplies, and lunch of pizza, salad, beverage, and cookies, and served the lunch.
- One of our Board members, with his GoPro camera recorded much of the activity of the BBB and created a short YouTube video that appears on the Homepage of the KBL website.
- The bike assembly teams began working at 9:00 am and by 1:30 all the bikes were assembled and delivered to the quality control mechanics who worked another couple of hours to assure all bikes were assembled correctly.
- All the volunteers worked hard to make the day a big success and left knowing they had made a significant contribution to assuring 600 kids would have a happy Christmas with a new bike.





4. Bikes for Special Needs Youth and Young Adults

In 2019 the Board established a memorial fund honoring Gerald (Jer) Kruse, one of the founding members of the KBL Board. All donations to that fund are designated to provide adaptive bikes for special needs youth and young adults. All donations received at the BBB in December go to the memorial fund in addition to those received online designated for the memorial fund.

In 2021 we presented bikes to four special needs riders. Two riders (Kyle and Rebecca) were referred to KBL by Futures Explored and one (Amberly) was referred by Enjoy Life More. Both organizations are based in Livermore, and both serve young adults with intellectual and developmental challenges. The Futures Explored site in Livermore trains special needs young adults in media production. The presentation of Kyle's bike became a media event from which a beautiful 3-minute video was produced that captures the essence of Kids Bike Lane's mission. The video can be found on YouTube and the KBL website.

We received an inquiry from a mother who shared with us that her daughter, Mariah, who is severely disabled, would benefit greatly from an adaptive tricycle. The tricycle was designed by Rifton Equipment in New York and came equipped with seat and chest belts, a special handle grip, foot straps on the pedals, and other features that would enable Mariah to gain some mobility and exercise. A brief video of Mariah on her first ride can be found on the KBL website.



Amberly



Kyle



Rebecca



Mariah

5. Team Building Bike Builds

Kids Bike Lane partnered with two companies to conduct Team Building Bike Builds (TBBB). Haskell Corporation in Livermore hosted a TBBB in November for 15 employees who worked in teams of three with each team building three bikes. And, in December we partnered with Silk Road Medical in Sunnyvale to conduct a TBBB for 13 employees who worked in teams of two or three to assemble 15 bikes.

Kids Bike Lane provided the new bikes in boxes, tools for assembling the bikes, all the supplies for the activities, a bike mechanic to check each bike, and a means for transporting

the boxes to the site and delivering the bikes to a charity. The companies provided the employees, a space for assembling bikes, a means for disposing of the cardboard, payment for the bikes, and a donation for each employee who participated.

In the end, a Team Building Bike Build is a win for the company, a win for the employees who have a great time, a win for the charity that will distribute the bikes, a win for the kids who receive the bikes, and a win for Kids Bike Lane as they receive a donation that is designated for bikes for next year's Big Bike Build.



6. Partnership with Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation

Kids Bike Lane partnered with the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation to be the recipient of funds raised in one of their major fund-raising events. The Livermore Bikes and Brews ride was held on Saturday, October 9. The ride began at the parking lot of Trek Bikes and ended nearby at Pennyweight Craft Brewing. KBL received \$8,000 that was raised through registration fees, direct donations, and a raffle. This donation to Kids Bike Lane provided 57 bikes, helmets, and locks for schools of the Livermore Joint Unified School District.

7. Partnership with Sunset Community Church

Kids Bike Lane partnered with Sunset Community Church in Livermore to participate in an annual event they sponsor, Beautiful Feet. Underserved families in Livermore are invited to come to a park adjacent to Junction Avenue School where the children receive a gift certificate for shoes, a backpack with school supplies provided by the Livermore police department, free books from the Livermore library, boys can get a haircut, and girls can have their nails painted. In addition, there were several social service agencies available to provide assistance to the parents. Kids Bike Lane donated two bikes that were received by two very happy children.

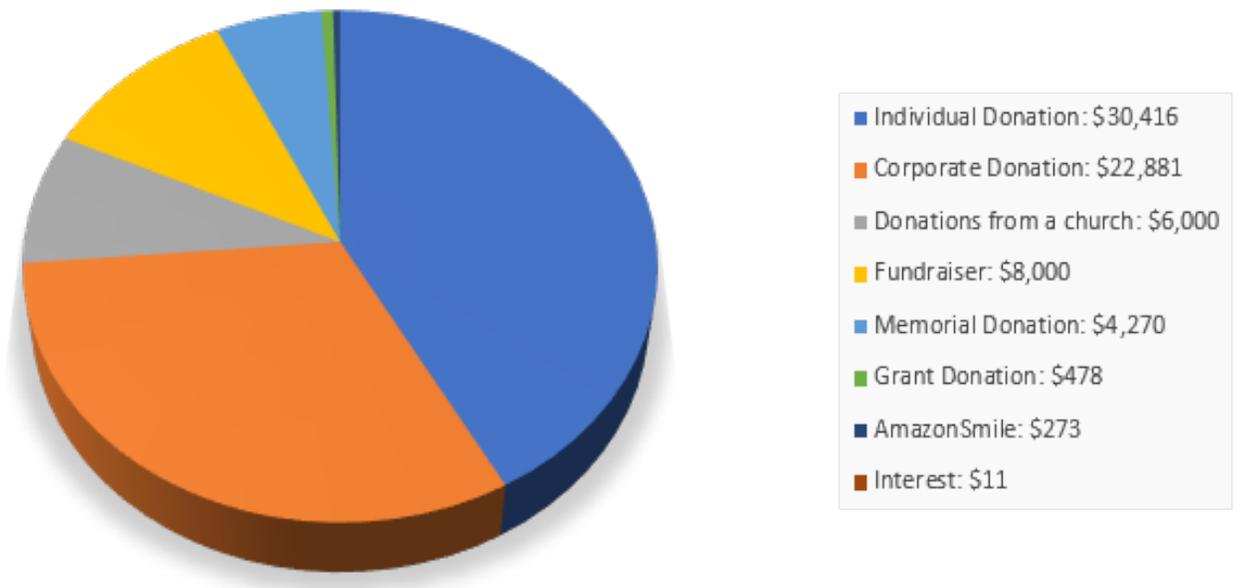


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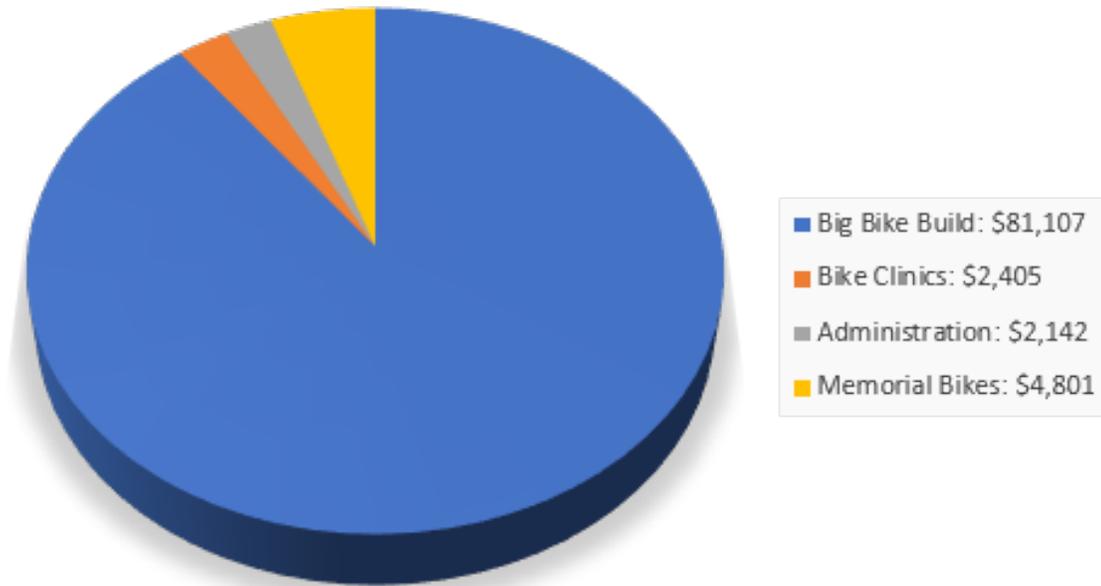
Most of our overhead costs are covered by Board members as part of their financial support of KBL. KBL expenses for 2021 were about \$18,000 more than income from donations. The difference was covered by a significant balance from 2020.

The pie charts below provide a summary of income and expenses for 2020.

Income and Expense Summary for 2021



KBL 2021 INCOME (Total: \$72,328.72)



KBL 2021 EXPENSES (Total \$90,455.33)

Sponsors

Kids Bike Lane was blessed in 2021 by ongoing support from the following:

- Alameda County Fairgrounds, (free use of space in four buildings for the Big Bike Build, plus tables, chairs, dumpster bins, oven warmer, and cooler).
- First Presbyterian Church, Livermore (major donations).
- St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Livermore (quarterly donations).
- AT&T Pioneers, (covering the costs of all food and supplies for snacks and lunch at the Big Bike Build).
- Therma Corporation, (a major donation).
- My Buddy's Bike Shop in Livermore, (discount on purchase of bikes for special needs riders and a team at the Big Bike Build).
- UNITS Portable Storage, Livermore, (provided a large storage container to hold all the equipment and supplies needed for Repair Clinics and the Big Bike Build).
- Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation, (partnered with KBL to provide 57 bikes, helmets, and locks for students in Livermore schools).
- Sarah Mattern, Livermore, www.sarahmattern.com (creation of and assistance with updating website).

Charities Served

The following charitable organizations received new bikes from our December Big Bike Build:

- Agape Villages
- Alameda County Foster Parents Association
- Bay Area Community Services
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay
- Community Education Partnerships
- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- Friends of Oakley
- Futures Explored

- Good Tidings Foundation
- Hayward Police Department
- Horizons Family Counseling
- LifeSTEPS
- Lincoln Families
- Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
- Oakland Catholic Worker
- Pleasanton Police Department
- San Lorenzo Family Help Center
- Saint Charles Borromeo Church
- Seneca Family of Agencies
- Side by Side
- Village Community Resource Center

Board of Directors Members

Each Board member played a key role in the year's activities.

- Cathryn Griggs, Co-Chair
- Rich Sims, Co-Chair
- Danielle Hayes, Treasurer
- Donald Griggs, Secretary
- Don DeRego
- Kathy DeRego
- Dennis Elchesen
- Patricia Griggs
- Mitch Harnett
- Rick Mayfield
- Jerry Schweickert
- Helen Sullivant