



Kids Bike Lane

A Path to Empowerment

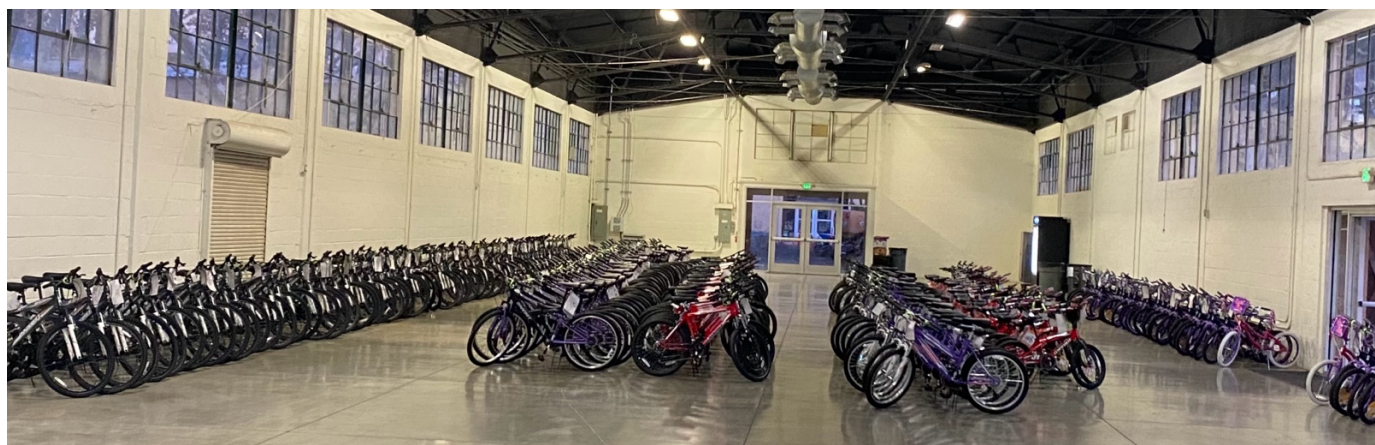
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2023 Annual Report

Kids Bike Lane experienced a successful year in 2023. In this, our eighth 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 638 bikes ready for delivery to 22 charities.

2023 Activities

1. The Annual Big Bike Build

Our 8th Annual Big Bike Build (BBB) was a success thanks to the support of the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Units Storage, and over 250 volunteers who gave their time to make dreams come true for 638 young people. Here's a peek into some highlights of the event.

- **Bikes and helmets:** Thanks to the financial support of our sponsors and many individuals we were able to afford to purchase 638 brand new bikes and helmets for this year's bike build.



- It's always exciting to see the semi-truck arrive with all the boxes of bikes! This arrival signals the beginning of the BBB and it's always fun to see the Fairground crew unload them into our building.
- **Volunteers:** Scouts, church groups, bike shops, student service groups, families, and community groups all worked together to assemble 638 bikes, move the bikes, break down boxes, provide Quality Control, and load bikes into charity trucks. We are grateful the support of over 250 volunteers who made our corner of the Fairgrounds feel like Santa's Workshop on December.



- **The Alameda County Fairgrounds** was our Event Sponsor. They donated two large buildings for two weeks, saving KBL over \$15,000. In addition to having staff available as needed to support the event they had a team of employees volunteer to help assemble bikes!



- **Charities:** 22 charities from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties received bikes and helmets this year. We've received thank you notes from happy kids and their parents.

One of the volunteers, who has helped in all eight BBBs said, "I live alone. I don't have any decorations or a Christmas tree. Being present at this bike build is my Christmas. It means the world to me to be able to help at this great event. Thank you for bringing the spirit of Christmas to me. Knowing that more than 600 kids will have a happy Christmas is what this is all about and I'm honored to be a part of it."

2. Free Bike Repair Clinics Kids Bike Lane offered two free bike repair clinics this year. One was sponsored by the Community Resource Center in Brentwood. The second was hosted by the Hayward School district funded by Rotary of Hayward.



3. 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 youth and young adults with special needs.

KBL has developed partnerships with several agencies in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties that serve youth and young adults with special needs. These agencies identify persons who would benefit from a bicycle or tricycle and submit an application on their behalf that the Board reviews at a monthly meeting and approves purchase of a bike or trike.

In August 2023, Kids Bike Lane was the recipient of a \$5000 grant from the Tri-Valley Non-Profit Alliance designated for purchase of bicycles or tricycles for special needs riders. With these funds, added to funds we had in the Gerald Kruse Memorials and Tributes fund, KBL was able to purchase bikes and trikes for nine special needs riders.

One of the riders with cerebral palsy needed a specially constructed tricycle designed especially for her. Carina's mother wrote, "More than Carina's riding the trike at school 3 times in the last 3 weeks, she enjoys a sense of ownership. She is very happy to show how her trike works to visitors. She also gets some exercise riding in the backyard. Over time, the trike will help with her stamina and muscle tone." Several riders had not ridden a bike before so their bikes were fitted with heavy duty training wheels that will be returned to KBL after they are no longer needed.

A young adult's case worker wrote, "The first day Vinny received the trike, he traveled all over Livermore. This trike has been such a great tool for Vinny in so many ways. He is able to work on health and fitness goals and he can independently go to the grocery store or run errands."



Carina ☐



Cayden ☐



Cassidy ☐



Vinny ☐

4. Distribution of Refurbished Bikes

Throughout the year KBL 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 in need of a bike. Adult sized bikes were donated to the Livermore Homeless Refuge and Shepherds Gate in Livermore. We delivered bikes to East Bay Community Services for families who were impacted by flooding due to heavy rains in January..



Board member Dennis Elchesen with representative from.
Bay Area Community Services receiving bikes.



Youth who received a refurbished bike.

5. Team Building Bike Builds

In November Kids Bike Lane partnered with Haskell Corporation, based in Livermore, where 16 employees assembled 10 bikes. This was the third annual Team Building Bike Build with Haskell Corporation.

Team Building Bike Builds are a win for the company, a win for the employees who have a great time, a win for the charity that will receive and 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 their Bikes and Brews ride that was held on Saturday, November 4. KBL received \$9,000 that provided 50 bikes, helmets, and locks for students in schools of Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.



7. Kids Bike Lane partnered with Sunset Community Church in Livermore in an annual event they sponsor, Beautiful Feet. Underserved families in Livermore are invited to come to their church campus on Arroyo Road where the children receive a gift certificate for shoes and a backpack with school supplies provided by the Livermore police department. Kids Bike Lane donated four refurbished bikes that were received by four very happy children.



8. Major Grants

- **Livermore Valley Wine Auction** presented KBL with a grant of \$10,000. KBL volunteers helped with the wine auction on a Saturday in October. KBL was one of four recipients selected to receive grants in 2023 and was invited to apply again for a larger grant in 2024.
- **Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation** presented KBL with a grant of \$9,000. These funds were raised at their annual fundraiser, the Bikes and Brews event. This grant was designated for providing bikes, helmets, and locks to underserved students in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.
- **Tri-Valley Non-Profit Alliance** presented KBL with a grant of \$5,000, designated for bikes for special needs riders.

9. Financial and In-kind Donations

- **UNITS Portable Storage** was our top sustaining Supporter for 2023. They provide three large storage containers that are stored in their warehouse in Livermore. The containers hold all the supplies and equipment for the BBB, new bikes, refurbished bikes, tools, and repair materials.
- **Alameda County Fairgrounds** was the Event Sponsor for the 2023 Big Bike Build. They provided free use of two large buildings for two weeks for the Big Bike Build and worked with us to ensure the BBB was a success.
- **AT&T Pioneers**, provided a major donation for new helmets for the BBB. They set up and served refreshments and lunch for the BBB, and covered the cost of the pizza for lunch, like they have done for several years.
- **First Presbyterian Church, Livermore** has provided a room for the Board of Directors' monthly meetings as well as a major donation since 2016. In addition, many of the volunteers for the BBB are members and friends of FPCL.
- **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Livermore** makes a major donation, which they have done since 2017.
- **My Buddy's Bike Shop in Livermore** provided a discount for the bicycles and tricycles that KBL purchased and assembled the bikes and trikes for special needs riders. They also volunteered to assemble bikes at the BBB.
- **Sarah Mattern, Livermore ...** (www.sarahmattern.com) created the KBL website and assists with updating it periodically.
- **Livermore Sanitation** assembled and donated eight bikes to the Big Bike Build inventory for distribution to charities.

Charities Served

These charitable organizations received new bikes and helmets from our December 2 BBB:

- Agape Villages
- Alameda County Foster Parents Association
- A. L. Willis Life Center
- Bay Area Community Services
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay
- Community Education Partnerships
- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- Friends of Oakley
- Good Tidings Foundation
- Grace Arms of Antioch
- 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
- Seneca Family of Agencies
- Side by Side
- St. Charles Borromeo Church
- Village Community Resource Center

Board of Directors Members

The Board met monthly from February to September and two times a month in October and November. Each Board member played a key role in the year's activities.

Cathryn Griggs, Chair

Danielle Hayes, Treasurer

Donald Griggs, Secretary

Todd Allum

Kathy DeRego

Dennis Elchesen

Patricia Griggs

Mitch Harnett

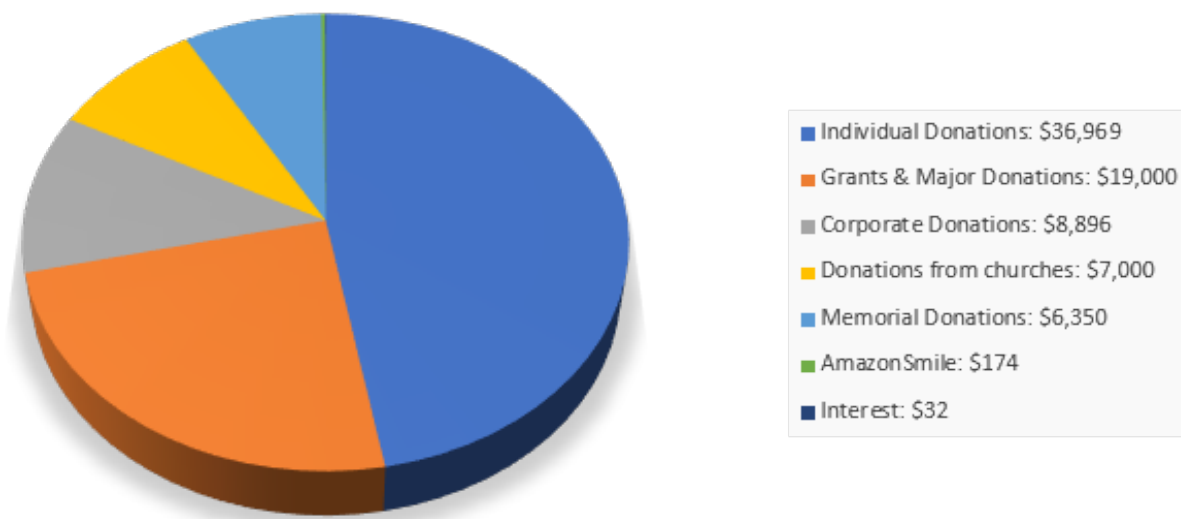
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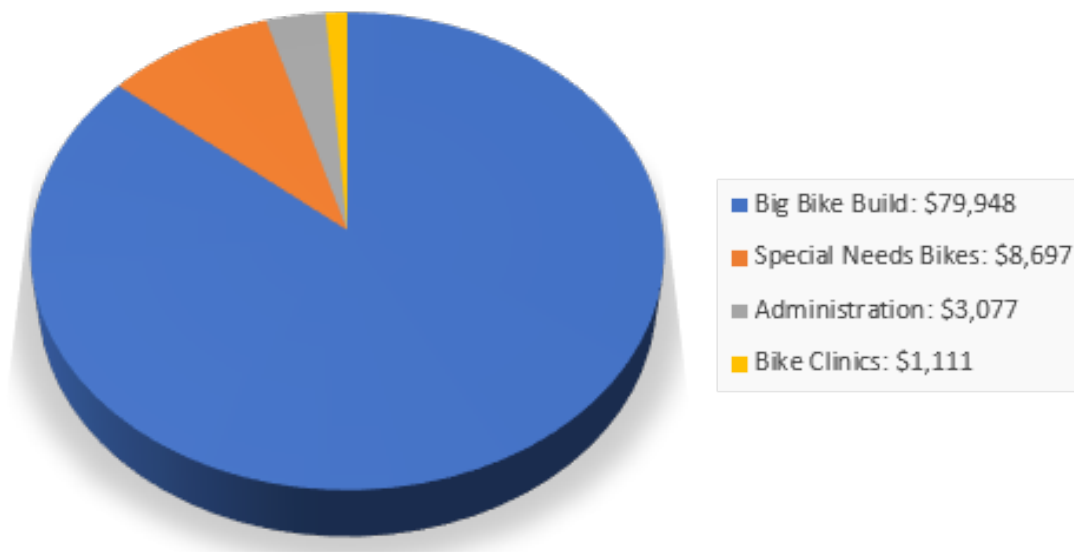
Helen Sullivant

Financials

The pie chart graphics below show Kids Bike Lane's income and expenses for 2023.



KBL 2023 INCOME (Total: \$78,421.01)



KBL 2023 EXPENSES (Total \$92,832.65)

KBL was able to cover the deficit due to funds available after the end of 2022.
For 2024 KBL has a beginning balance of a little more than \$30,000.