



# Kids Bike Lane

A Path to Empowerment

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## 2024 Annual Report

Kids Bike Lane experienced another successful year in 2024. In this, our ninth year, the combined efforts of many energetic, committed 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 604 bikes ready for pick up by 22 charities.

## 2024 Activities

### The Annual Big Bike Build

Our 9th Annual Big Bike Build (BBB) was a success thanks to the support of the Alameda County Fairgrounds, other sponsors and over 250 volunteers who gave their time to make dreams come true for 604 young people. Here's a peek into some highlights of the event.

- On Tuesday of the Big Bike Build week an eighteen-wheeler truck arrived at the Fairgrounds with 604 boxes of new bikes. The Fairgrounds staff, with their forklift unloaded the truck and placed the stacks of bikes in the two buildings where the volunteers worked in teams to assemble the bikes.



*Delivery of 604 bikes.*



*On Friday night and all is ready for the BBB on Saturday.*

- **The Alameda County Fairgrounds** was our Event Sponsor. They donated three 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.
- **Volunteers:** Scout troops, church groups, bike shops, families, student service groups, and companies worked together in teams to assemble 604 bikes, move the bikes, break down boxes for recycle, do Quality Control, and load bikes into charity trucks. Kids Bike Lane is grateful for the commitment of over 250 volunteers who made our corner of the Fairgrounds feel like Santa's Workshop. It was a great day!



*Volunteers of all ages were involved in the morning and afternoon shifts of bike builders.*







Moving bikes to QC.



Quality Control mechanic.



Green team recycling the cardboard boxes.



Bikes staged for charities.



Charities arrive on schedule to pick up bikes.



- **Charities:** Twenty-four charities from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties received the bikes this year. (see list of charities below). KBL has received thank you notes from happy kids and their parents, and from several of the charities.

### Free Bike Repair Clinics

Kids Bike Lane offered four bike repair clinics this year. The sponsors and hosts of the repair clinics were: The Golden State Warriors at the Chase Center, the Hayward School District funded by the Rotary Club of Hayward, the Livermore Connects event at Mae Nissen Park, and in San Ramon as part of the Eagle Scout project.



Repair clinic at Mae Nissen Park.



Repair clinic sponsored by the Hayward School district.



## Event with Golden State Warriors

Kids Bike Lane was invited by the Golden State Warriors to be present for a special event where we provided 36 new bikes and helmets for underserved children San Francisco and to conduct a Free Bike Repair Clinic for children in the neighborhood. The Warriors also paid for 100 helmets that we gave to kids and adults in need of a helmet. The event was held at the Chase Center on a beautiful summer day. In addition to the 36 new bikes KBL gave a few refurbished bikes and helmets to youth who needed bikes to get to school and ride with their friends.



*KBL booth at the Chase Center*



*Mechanic repairing a bike*



*Child with new bike learning to ride it.*

## Bikes for Special Needs Youth

In 2019 the Board established a memorial fund honoring Gerald (Jer) Kruse, one of the founding members of the KBL Board. All donations to Tributes and Memorials 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. The agencies identify persons who would benefit from a bicycle or tricycle and submit an application on their behalf, which the Board reviews, and approves purchase of a bike or trike. In 2024 KBL delivered three special needs bikes.

## Distribution of Refurbished Bikes

Throughout the year KBL received used bikes that were refurbished by several of our Board members who are experienced bike mechanics. Some of the refurbished bikes were given to Pleasanton schools for kids identified by school who need a bike. Some adult sized bikes were donated to the Livermore Homeless Refuge. Additional bikes were delivered to the Jewish Community Center in Walnut Creek for refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine. KBL partnered with a Boy Scout working on his Eagle rank project. He and a few friends collected 20 used bikes, planned a day to refurbish them, and then donated them to KBL. In addition, we received requests from the Mt. Diablo Unified School District for bikes for some students who needed bikes to get to school. In 2024 Kids Bike Lane distributed 97 refurbished used bikes.

## Team Building Bike Builds

In 2024 KBL conducted a record number of 14 Team Building Bike Builds with five different companies in Alameda County:

- Workday in Pleasanton
- Patelco in Dublin
- Gillig in Livermore
- Haskell Corporation in Livermore
- Exelixis in Alameda

There were 472 employees involved from the companies who assembled 263 bikes. The income from the 14 Team Building Bike Builds covered the cost of the bikes and helmets, plus donations to the general fund that went a long way toward enabling KBL to purchase the new bikes for the Big Bike Build.



*Photos from a Team Building Bike Build hosted by Workday in Pleasanton where about 70 employees assembled 17 bikes.*

## Other Accomplishments

- **Core Values** The Board of Directors spent several meetings discussing and determining what we see as the core values of Kids Bike Lane. The following core values were identified:
  - **Inclusive** We believe everyone’s voice deserves to be heard regardless of their race, gender, economic, or developmental/physical abilities.
  - **Compassion** We treat everyone with respect and understanding.
  - **Empowerment** We encourage our community to give of their time and skills to provide bikes to empower youth to develop independence, increased self-esteem, and confidence.
  - **Community** We offer opportunities for volunteers and partner organizations in the community to feel joy as they bring excitement and happiness to recipients through donations of new and refurbished bikes.
  - **Foster Growth** We promote growth through regular cycling, instilling a sense of pride of ownership, and independence as recipients ride their bikes.

- **Donor Levels** The Board of Directors identified five categories of donors. As of December 2024 there are donors in each of the levels.

\$1k – Buddy	\$5k – Club	\$10k -Elite	\$15k – Pro	\$25k – Champion
Four donors	One donor	Three donors	One donor	Three donors

- **Updated Mailing List** KBL tries to keep the mailing list up to date. As of December 2024 there are 696 persons on the volunteers mailing list. Everyone on the mailing list receives our newsletter and an invitation in November to register for the Big Bike Build.

## Major Grants and In-kind Donations

- **Alameda County Fairgrounds** was the Event Sponsor for the 2024 Big Bike Build. They provided free use of three large buildings for two weeks for the Big Bike Build and worked with us to ensure the BBB was a success.
- **UNITS Portable Storage** was a major sustaining supporter for 2024. They provided three large storage containers that are stored in their warehouse in Livermore. The containers hold all the supplies and equipment for the BBB, boxes of new bikes, refurbished bikes, tools, and repair materials.
- **Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation** presented KBL with a grant of \$11,000. These funds were raised at their annual fundraiser, the Bikes and Brews event. This grant was designated for providing 55 bikes, helmets, and locks to underserved students in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.
- **AT&T Pioneers**, provided a major donation for new helmets for the Big Bike Build.
- **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](http://www.sarahmattern.com)) created the KBL website and assists with updating it periodically.

## Charities Served

The following charitable organizations received new bikes and helmets from our December 7 Big Bike Build:

- Agape Villages
- Alameda County Foster Parents Association
- A. L. Willis Life Center
- Bay Area Community Services
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay
- Boys and Girls Club of Alameda
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay
- Community Education Partnerships
- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- 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
- Rotary Club of Oakley
- San Lorenzo Family Help Center
- Seneca Family of Agencies
- Side by Side
- St. Charles Borromeo Church
- Village Community Resource Center

### **Board of Directors Officers and 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

Kathy DeRego

Dennis Elchesen

Patricia Griggs

Mitch Harnett

Rick Mayfield

Jerry Schweickert

Helen Sullivant

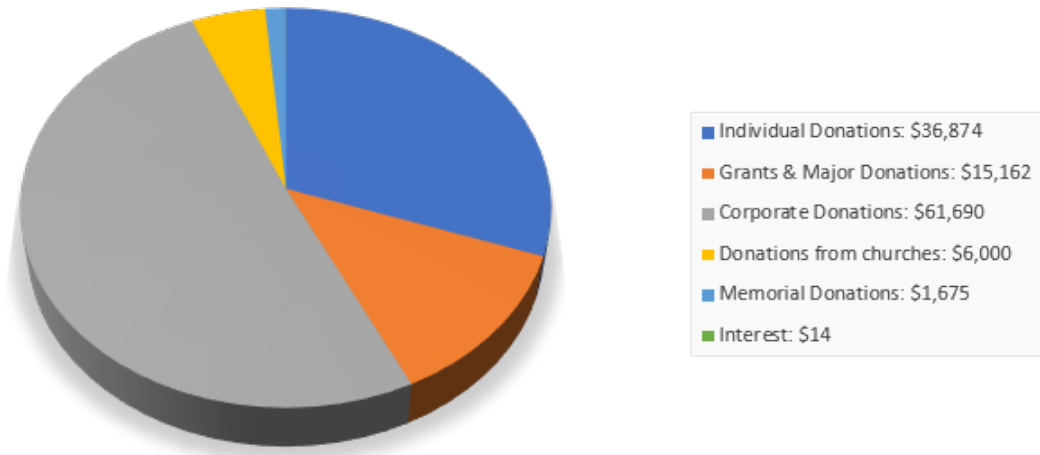
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## Financials

The pie chart graphics show Kids Bike Lane's income and expenses for 2024.

KBL 2024 INCOME (Total: \$\$121,415.7)



KBL 2024 EXPENSES (Total \$120,008.94)

