



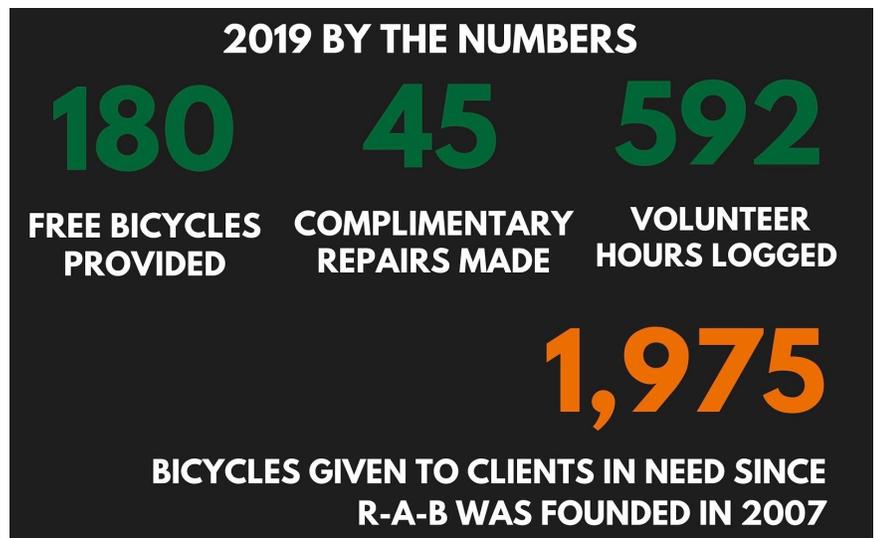
2019 Recycle-A-Bicycle Annual Yearend Report

Providing bicycles to those in need of reliable transportation just scratches the surface of the impact of Recycle-A-Bicycle. Through the donation of hundreds of bicycles, clients who face barriers to success are given the opportunity of safe, reliable transportation - a basic necessity - allowing them to overcome some of their greatest challenges.

Every day, our work at R-A-B workshop has an impact--to make a difference, touch a heart, inspire a soul and enjoy the day. Every gift makes a difference in the health and well-being of our community's children, adults, families, residents and newly arrived residents. 2019 has been a very productive year, with 180 free bicycles given to clients, as well as over 45 free repairs made, keeping clients safe and mobile. We are entering 2020 with an ambitious goal: we hope to match or beat our services and bikes that we gave to clients this year.

Each contribution to Recycle-a-Bicycle ensures that everyone can access transportation, be it for work, school, appointments or grocery shopping. A bicycle has the ability to unlock the journey to self-sufficiency, health, and well-being for each client of the program. Every person who receives a bike has access to our dedicated volunteer crew, who can inform and teach bike maintenance and safety. R-A-B also continues to offer free bike repairs and maintenance, ensuring clients are kept mobile.

Occasionally we are faced with a project that requires extra creative problem solving. We have one client that rides a three wheel bicycle, and who is only able to use one hand while



riding. We installed both brake levers and rear shifter on left side of handlebar so he was able to stop safely and change gears.



R-A-B generally collects well over 250 bicycles a year that are all donated to our program. Word has spread about our program over the years - so much so that many bicycles also come from our outlying areas and downstate from people who summer or vacation in our area. Most, of course, need parts and repairs to make them safe and reliable. Donated bikes that are beyond repair are scrapped for all usable parts such as tires,

wheels, seats, chains, shifters and gears, and the steel and aluminum is recycled. We also sell many of the bicycles at the annual Bike Swap and from the R-A-B workshop to offset the cost of overhead expenses. This year, we sold 171 donated and consigned bikes at our annual Bike Swap event.

Don Cunkle, Program Director, is the only paid, part-time employee of R-A-B, and the program relies heavily on the contribution of time from several skilled volunteers. In 2019 alone, volunteers contributed nearly 600 hours of their time to keep our program running. Thanks to the work of these dedicated volunteers, we have been able to keep up with demand, providing a bicycle or making on the spot repairs or within one week of the initial request during our season of operation.

This year, R-A-B faced a new challenge. After an over-the-handlebars mountain biking accident landed Don in the hospital, top volunteers Bob Resh and Jeff Zawisza stepped up in a huge way to allow the program to continue to serve the community. After a tweak to shop hours, it was business as usual with Bob and Jeff at the helm and Don in recovery.



We want to extend a huge thank you to the following organizations for the support throughout 2019. Their generous contributions allow Recycle-a-Bicycle to continue working in our community. We are anxious to start our 2020 season in early spring.

Cherry Capital Cycling Club, a founding supporter of R-A-B

Cherryland Cares

Grand Traverse Band Of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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Rotary Twilight Club

The Campbell Endowment of the Grand Traverse Regional Foundation

The Grand Traverse Community Foundation Rotary Matching Program

Zonta Club of Traverse City