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**KIWANIS CLUB OF CALGARY CHINOOK
BIKES & SPORTING GOODS PROGRAM
2022 Activity**

'EVERY KID SHOULD HAVE A BIKE' – that is the philosophy that drives the Kiwanis Club of Calgary Chinook's "Bikes and Sporting Goods" Program. With the generosity and contributions of many individuals and organizations we are providing many less fortunate youngsters and their families with bikes, helmets, sporting goods, and winter clothing.

The donated or purchased (from garage sales) bikes and sporting goods are cleaned, repaired and are in good condition. Using parts & supplies provided by Kiwanis, most of the bikes are repaired and cleaned at the Calgary Correctional Centre by inmates learning a new skill in their bike shop. Rebooting the repair shop after Covid 19 still affected the amount of bikes they were able to provide to us. That meant Kiwanis volunteers still had to repair a large number of the bikes that we gave away last year. Kiwanis volunteers also added bells and bike locks to most of the bikes. The social/case workers from several agencies and concerned citizens identify where there is a need for bikes, they then pick the bikes up at one of our scheduled giveaways and deliver them to their clients. New bike helmets are also offered with each bike.

The program started in 1997. Since the beginning of the program we have provided 8993 bikes and 9806 helmets to less fortunate families. In 2022 our numbers were still lower than our normal yearly numbers. We found that many agencies lost contact with us during the Covid years. We are currently reaching out to reconnect our program with the community. We donated 337 bikes and 460 new helmets throughout the city (the agencies are listed on the reverse page). This includes bikes and helmets to those referred to us by friends, neighbors, etc. Many of our bikes have gone out to the many refugee children now making Calgary their home. The many cards & thank-you letters we receive from the children, their parents and caseworkers express their joy and appreciation.

This program is partially funded by the sales of donated, used ski and snowboard equipment. We are also very grateful for the financial support from many caring individuals, groups and companies. The Kiwanis Club of Calgary Chinook appreciates and acknowledges the valuable support of the community & the following organizations that help make this program successful:

Bikes For Humanity
Bow Cycle & Sports
Calgary Police Services
CIBC Wood Gundy (CIBC Children's Foundation)
Two Wheel View

Bike It Forward
Calgary Correctional Centre
Canadian Tire (McLeod Trail)
Nakiska Ski Resort
Youth Enroute

Our goal in 2023 is to continue providing 'Bike' & 'Bike Helmet' days so that we can continue to brighten the days of less fortunate children in our community.

During 2022, the Kiwanis Club of Calgary Chinook also distributed approximately 190 pieces of sporting goods to children, their families, and individuals less fortunate than ourselves. This included 29 backpacks stuffed with school supplies.

If you would like further information or wish to contribute or volunteer to the program please contact:

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THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CALGARY CHINOOK BIKES AND SPORTING GOODS PROGRAM

BIKES & SPORTING GOODS DISTRIBUTED DURING 2022

Bikes.....337	Bike Helmets.....460	Basketballs.....27
Soccer balls.....48	Footballs.....3	Volleyballs.....5
Play balls4	Baseballs.....12	Frisbees1
Scooters9	Hockey Sticks8	Rackets2
Backpacks/school sup..29	Busy Bags 19	Toys & Misc.24

BIKE DISTRIBUTION BY AGENCY:

Bow West / Rise Calgary..... 35	Calgary Bridge 41
Calgary Catholic Immigrant Support 14	Calgary Catholic School Board ... 36
Calgary Military Family Services 2	Calgary Police Services..... 9
Centre For Newcomers 25	City of Calgary 6
Closer To Home 35	CUPS..... 1
Enviros 4	Kiwaniis – Community Services..... 1
Kiwaniis – Sold 11	McMan Family Services.....7
North East Family Conn..... 12	SE Community Res. Ctr. 68
Trellis 10	Ukrainian Refugees3
Worth Resolving 5	Youth Enroute 5
YWCA 7	
337 bikes total	



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