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Dear Friend of Bikes for the World:

In Rwanda, your donation transforms the lives of newborns and their moms. Learn Work Develop (LWD), our newest partner, uses donated bicycles to support young women and their families via initiatives serving those at risk of pregnancy, women currently pregnant and new mothers. To fund these initiatives, generate employment and create skilled training opportunities, LWD employs local bike mechanics to repair and sell our donated bikes. This operational model also provides low-cost reliable transportation.

### **Can we count on you to help us provide more opportunities for girls in Rwanda?**

Here at home, we have welcomed twice as many volunteer school groups to Bikes for the World, resulting in over 1,000 more volunteer hours than last year! The presence of inquisitive, hardworking and conscientious youth has reinvigorated the warehouse and produced a larger, and better, supply of bikes and parts for our partners.

Recurring school-based volunteer curricula, like Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart's Social Action program, introduce young women to volunteerism and give them a chance to work collaboratively on all facets of our mission. In this setting, our bikes are hands-on tools for learning, empowerment and imagination. The connection between the Stone Ridge students and young women in Rwanda receiving support from Learn Work Develop underscores the transformational power of a donated bicycle.

### **Girls who receive an education lead healthier, more productive lives.**

Established NGOs with a proven track record of supporting and uplifting their communities, like Learn Work Develop, are ideally positioned to act immediately when crises like the Covid-19 pandemic strike. In lieu of traditional classroom education during quarantine, LWD began offering classes in tailoring, hairdressing, mushroom farming, and plastic basket weaving. The shift to task-based training has empowered these women economically, providing hope and skills that ease the re-entry to school and ultimately lead them back on the path to graduation.

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A bicycle can be used to help deliver life saving supplies to an expectant mother or enable her to return to school.



Learning through doing is enabling youth to build confidence while extending a hand across the globe to help others in need.



You can help women earn higher incomes, participate more in decisions that affect their families, and ultimately build better futures.

**Thanks to your support, Bikes for the World  
delivered over 10,000 bikes in 2022, including  
doubling local bike donations  
to more than 600!**

Our amazing volunteer network continues to overachieve and make a big impact. Ensuring that our donated bikes, parts and sewing machines reach those who need them most is paramount as our partners still face pandemic-related challenges to their work.

As the needs of our partners grow, we can only expand the impact of donated bikes through your generosity. **We still need your help to ensure that healthcare workers safely reach patients, students get to school, and small businesses keep their doors open and grow local economies.**

Together with you, we're making life better for people all over the world. Thank you for your support now, and throughout the year. We hope you and yours are healthy and wish you all the best for 2023.

With Gratitude,



Taylor Jones  
Executive Director

P.S. The past year has seen significant increases in shipping costs. Your gift ensures we're continuing to deliver as much support as possible to programs like Learn Work Develop. This crucial work helps Madeline, and young women like her, build better futures for themselves, their families and communities.

**“We thank you for bringing us back to school and giving us school materials. We thank you for bringing us back HOPE for a bright future,” Madeline 17**

Supporters like you keep us moving forward. Use the enclosed envelope to donate by check. Go to [Bikesfortheworld.org](https://Bikesfortheworld.org) to donate now by credit card or scan the QR code to the right. Please contact us if you have questions about donating through a donor advised fund or by gifts of stocks or securities. Your generous gift has the power to transform the lives of individuals, families, and entire communities.

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You can help us build our local volunteer base which enables us to provide more refurbished bikes to our community.



You can help us provide access to rewarding volunteer opportunities for individuals, scouts and school groups.



You can help a struggling single mother achieve her dreams through supporting programs that deliver hope.



**Scan here to donate now**





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Dear WBG Cyclist,

Thanks to support from the Community Connections Campaign (CCC) and others, Bikes for the World delivered over 10,000 bikes to our partners in Africa, the Caribbean Basin, Central America, and East Asia in 2022, including doubling local bike donations to more than 600! Our amazing volunteer network continues to overachieve and make a big impact. Ensuring that our donated bikes, parts and sewing machines reach those who need them most is paramount as our partners still face pandemic-related challenges to their work. And, during this challenging year, we rigorously controlled costs so that only 5% of our budget went to administrative overhead.

For example, in Rwanda, your donation is transforming the lives of newborns and their moms. Learn Work Develop (LWD), our newest partner, uses donated bicycles to support young women and their families via initiatives serving those at risk of pregnancy, women currently pregnant and new mothers. In lieu of traditional classroom education during the pandemic, LWD began offering classes in tailoring, hairdressing, mushroom farming, and plastic basket weaving. The shift to task-based training has empowered these women economically, providing hope and skills that ease the re-entry to school and ultimately lead them back on the path to graduation. To fund these initiatives, generate employment and create skilled training opportunities, LWD employs local bike mechanics to repair and sell our donated bikes. This operational model also provides low-cost reliable transportation.

Here in the DC Metro area, we have welcomed twice as many volunteer school groups to Bikes for the World, resulting in over 1,000 more volunteer hours than last year. The presence of inquisitive, hardworking and conscientious youth has reinvigorated our bike warehouse and produced a larger and better supply of bikes and parts for our partners. All of this is possible because of your generous support. Recurring school-based volunteer curricula, like Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart's Social Action program, introduce young women to volunteerism and give them a chance to work collaboratively on all facets of our mission. In this setting, our bikes are hands-on tools for learning, empowerment and imagination. The connection between the Stone Ridge students and young women in Rwanda receiving support from Learn Work Develop underscores the transformational power of a donated bicycle. Girls who receive an education lead healthier, more productive lives.

As the needs of our partners grow, we can only expand the impact of donated bikes through your generosity. We still need your help to ensure that healthcare workers safely reach patients, students get to school, and small businesses keep their doors open and grow local economies. Together with you, we are making life better for people all over the world. Thank you for considering to support us through the CCC where your contribution can be doubled through the matching corporate grant.

We hope you and yours are healthy and wish you all the best for 2023.

Joe Leitmann and Peter Harrold  
WBG Retirees and  
Members, Board of Directors  
Bikes for the World