

Dear "Future Rider" and Family,

Welcome and congratulations on the decision to pursue the fun and excitement of bike riding at home and in the community via Amtryke®! We, the Rock River Valley Ambucs, are the local chapter of the national charitable organization, AMBUCS. Our goal is to provide assistance for the purchase of customized, therapeutic tricycles for children and adults in northern Illinois.

Your therapist should obtain the necessary measurements and help you to pick the best Amtryke® option for you or your child. Your therapist is encouraged to consult the Amtryke® catalogue that can be found online (<u>www.ambucs.org/amtryke/</u>) or ask members of the Rock River Valley Ambucs for advice on best fit and needed adaptive accessories.

Our volunteer-run chapter meets monthly to update the Wish List. *Please allow 3-4 weeks for us to process the information provided for new entries to the Wish List.* 

Our group participates in fundraising events to benefit our Wish List Fund. We also encourage you to actively fundraise. Any money you raise will go directly to the purchase of your child's bike. If you collect money, checks can be made out to "Rock River Valley Ambucs" with the future rider's name in the memo.

Bikes are delivered to children through organized "bike giveaway" events throughout the year. If you have self-paid for your child's bike or if your bike is to be delivered at a time other than an organized event, we will work with your family to determine a location in the northern Illinois area to deliver your bike. Through our wish list process, our chapter is able to provide your child's bike at a discounted rate, receive and assemble the bike. Please keep in mind that you will need to have a vehicle that you can transport your Amtryke once it has been fitted for your child.

We know raising money can be difficult and we want you to know we are here to help! In this packet, we also have provided fundraising ideas to help you and your family. If you have questions or in need of financial support, please contact us at the addresses below.

Best Wishes,

Rock River Valley Ambucs