# ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT



## monica & shayne

#### **OUR MISSION**

Big Bike Giveaway acquires low-to-no cost bicycles and distributes them for free to London residents in in order to get more people cycling and to encourage healthier lifestyles. This program helps to improve local social, environmental, economic and cultural concerns by leveraging community engagement. Our primary objective is to aid in the solution of local social, environmental, economic and cultural issues by providing a source of transportation which improves health through bicycle gifting.

#### WHO BENEFITS FROM THE PROGRAM?

We service a wide range of markets including: men/women, all ages 2-90, people with full ability and some with disability, sectors of people living in poverty in London, health conscious and unaware individuals. Some of our other stakeholders include environmental groups, biophysical and ecosystem groups and of course societal and economic groups. They all play a part in the reflection of what we do for our community.



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## TOTAL NUMBER OF BIKES GIVEN TO COMMUNITY AND RECYCLED TO DATE

1100!

over 300 free bikes given to people living with social, health, and economic challenges through social agencies





250 FREE bikes issued to kids as their first bike to learn to ride

cyclists who have obtained a bike from our organization have produced a total of \$\frac{53}{640}\$ 640 000 in local spending at businesses

### **HOW IT ALL STARTED**

SHAYNE: We used to live in a neighbourhood nearby some methadone clinics, and people with badly functioning bikes would pass by. One time, this guy's derailleur broke right in front of my house, so we told him to give us ten minutes to fix it or to come back the next day so that we could build him a safer, better functioning bike. He did come back, and after that we started helping a couple more people, which is when we thought to do it on a bigger scale. That's how it got to where it is now, and it's just getting even bigger.

MONICA: The first year we gave around 50 bikes in our backyard, before we decided to take it somewhere else - then it just grew larger and larger. The next year we gave a hundred, and then two hundred and now we're up to 300 or 400 bikes in our fifth year anniversary, so it's pretty incredible!

loca volunteers



40 local community partners

25%

10% increase every year of people getting bikes to use as their primary source of transportation

5%

25% increase in used-bike donations year over year 10 %

5% increase year over year of people with physical disabilities getting free bikes to start cycling



# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF BIKING



LOOK AT THE POSITIVE DIFFERENCES WE COULD MAKE ON THE ENVIRONMENT IF WE AL USED BIKES FOR TRANSPORTATION!

canadians' preferred type of transportation to work by percent



Bicycling would have **prevented 1 050 000 tonnes (35%) of greenhouse gases from being emitted** in London in 2015 from gasoline combustion



Jondon has over

330 kilometres
of designated
bike paths and lanes
on the
Downtown Bike Loop
and on the
Thames Valley Parkway





Halifax and Victoria are in the top five most bikeable cities in Canada. They invest significantly in developing the cycling networks and promoting cycling as a safe mode of transportation for all

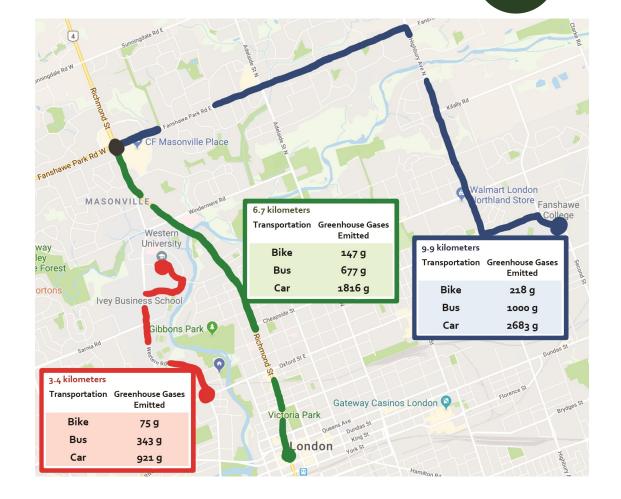
bike-friendly city, like
Halifax and Victoria, its CO<sub>2</sub>
emissions could decrease
by 20% to be one of the top
five cycling Canadian cities

CO<sub>2</sub> emitted per kilometer from common modes of transportation

22g

101g

271g



## EFFECTS of BIKING on HEALTH

#### only

15% of Canadians meet the recommended daily physical activity requirements

12% of Londoners meet this through cycling



The Ontario Government has invested **\$150 million** 

to promote cycling and cyclying safety in order to improve health & environmental conditions

**#CycleON** 

## Depending on weight, on average biking burns:

150 lbs ● 215 cals

200 lbs ● • 360 cals

250 lbs • • • 285 cals

300 lbs ● ● ● 430 cals

annually, cycling prevents:



**5200**CARDIOVASCULAR
DISEASE CASES



over half of the adults in London are classified as overweight or obese the average person loses 13lbs in the first year of commuting by bike





# BENEFITS of BIKING OUTWEIGH the RISKS

## I in 5 teens in London struggle with mental heatlh issues

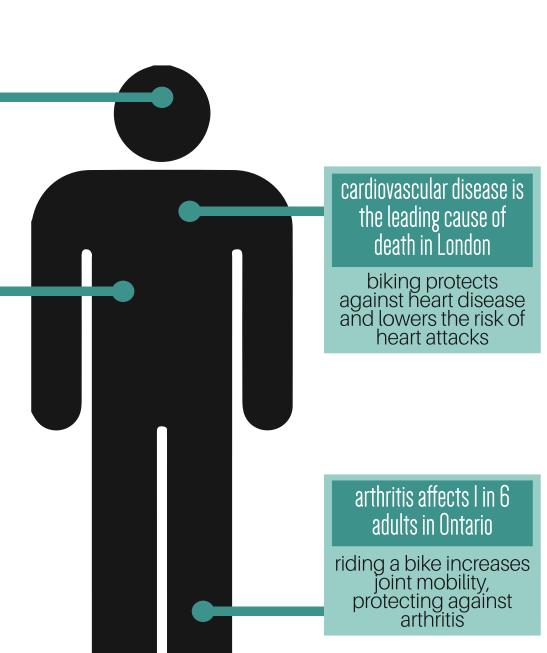
The nature of cycling has been shown to be of the most effective activities to **alleviate** stress and anxiety

respiratory disease is one of the most serious common health conditions in London

biking increases lung capacity and promotes deep breathing

muscle fitness in Canadians has been declining since 1980

cycling increases muscle strength and flexibility



Almost half of Londoners report being inactive during leisure time



\$0.37/km

\$0.06/km



average cost per kilometre



BIKING SAVES YOU MONEY If every Canadian switched to biking we would save

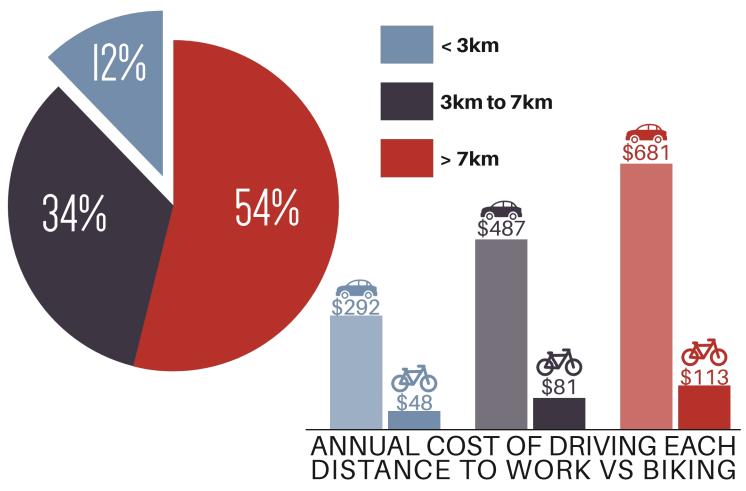


litres of gasoline every year

Biking is equivalent to a gym membership!

Big Bike Giveaway
has given out over
1100 bikes in the
past 5 years
- that's about
\$220 000!

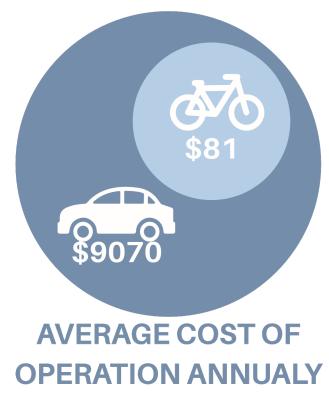
#### **CYCLING TO WORK EVERY DAY**



cyclists who have obtained a bike from our organization have produced a total of

\$3 640 000

in local spending at businesses



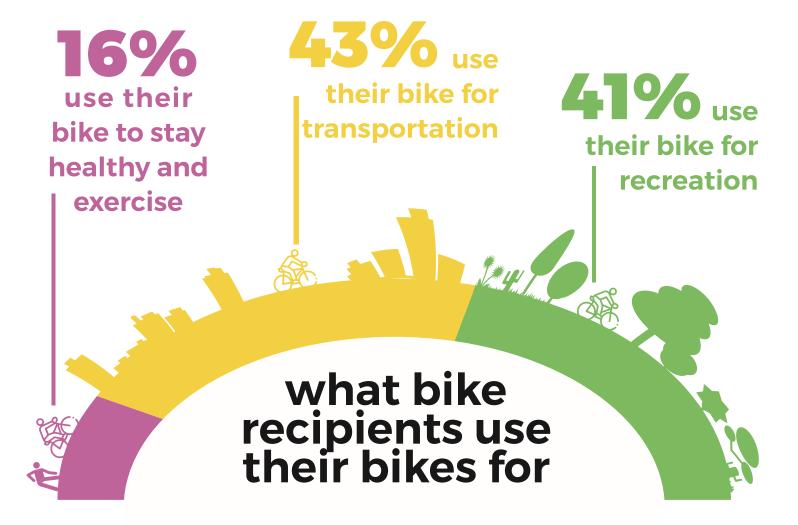


without a bike,
7 out of 10 recipients
would have had to
take a car, bus, or taxi





**78%** of bike recipients have had bikes that they outgrew, broke, or got stolen



# BIKE SAFETY & SECURITY



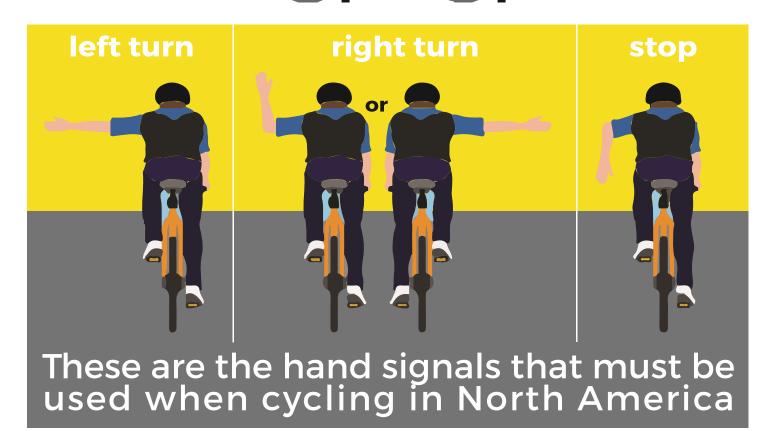
If you are driving, maintain atleast a 1 metre distance between your motor vhehicle and bicyclists around you

PREVENT BIKE THEFT

secure lock through bike rack, wheel & frame



only lock your bike in designated racks



## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

### financial partners















### community partners

Autoneum

**CAN-Bike** 

**Fanshawe Paramedics** 

First Cycleworks

**Goodwill Industries** 

International Mountain Bike Association

KGK Science

London Arts Council

London Celebrates Cycling

London Insurance Brokers Association

London Public Library

Old East Village Riding Group

Ontario by Bike

Purple Bikes

Wheels & Gears

Boyle Activity Council & Community

Fanshawe Bike Share Program

Fanshawe Police Foundations

Forest City Velodrome

Helmets on Kids

Ken Jones Signs

LHSC Brain Injury Road Safety

London Bicycle Cafe

London Cycle Link

**London Transit Commission** 

One Extra Guy

Outspokin Cycles

Share the Road

Squeaky Wheel Bike Co-op

# SOCIAL AGENCIES WE WORK WITH













## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



### London Police Associaion

The London Police Association has supported Big Bike Giveaway for the past 5 years, proud to contribute to an initiative that promotes healthy living and benefits the environment.

#### **Biking Safety**

Most urban centres and most cities in Ontario have cycling infrastructure. However, London was built around train and water, which made sense at the time. As London grew, roads were developed for cars and there was no long range planning on other methods of transportation.

In the dangers of biking on the road is that cars don't expect bicycles there for the most part, and we recognize that this is an issue in London.



Rick Robson, London Police Association

If you want to make London safer for cyclists, advocacy is the main thing, for example voting. You should vote on the candidates that have goals that are in line for bicycling safety. You can also reach out to city council, the more the message is delivered to city council, the more attention the issue gets.

### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT





Two Small Men With Big Hearts Moving is a chain of independently owned and operated businesses that help both individuals and businesses move their belongings across Canada. The London branch of this company began working with the Big Bike Giveaway in October 2015 after being approached by Monica and Shayne about moving bikes to the charity event. When asked to help, Dan Mayo, the owner of the London branch, enthusiastically agreed to help.

Since then, the Two Small Men With Big Hearts moving company has selflessly helped transport countless bikes for Big Bike Giveaway throughout the year to the storage location where Shayne does his repairs. Further, on the Big Bike Giveaway day, the company donates three or four trucks to move all the bikes from the storage site to the event location. When asked about his thoughts on both helping the Big Bike Giveaway Enterprise and working with Monica and Shayne, Mayo replied "Being a small business owner doesn't give me much time to do much other than family and work, so this is how I try to give back to the community, when charities call me. If I've got the ability to give them a free move, I usually try".

Big Bike Giveaway is incredibly grateful to have a community partner like Dan Mayo and Two Small Men With Big Hearts Moving company, and they look forward to many more years of making a lasting impact on the London community together!

## Western Integrated Sciences Community Engaged Learning Students



(left to right) Tony Nguyen, Katelyn Melo, Katherine Teeter, Devanshi Shukla, Jermiah Joseph

#### **TONY NGUYEN**

Howdy! My name is Tony and I'm a third year student doing an Honours Specialization in Integrated Science with Chemistry at Western University. As a London local, Monica and Shayne's mission to better the community resonated deeply with me. Working with them allowed me to see a perspective of the community I wasn't familiar with before. I hope for their success in the future with Big Bike Giveaway!

#### <u>Katelyn melo</u>

Hi there! My name's Katelyn and I'm a third-year student at Western doing an Honors Specialization in Integrated Science with Chemistry. I am thrilled to have had the chance to work with Monica and Shayne at the Big Bike Giveaway. My time spent working on this project has helped me realize the impact something as simple as a bicycle can have on an individual's life. I can't wait to see what amazing things Monica and Shayne will accomplish with the Big Bike Giveaway enterprise!

#### **KATHERINE TEETER**

Hi! My name is Katherine, and I am a third-year student at Western University pursing an Honors Specialization in Integrated Science with Chemistry. Working with Monica and Shayne has been an incredible opportunity to give back to the London community in such a simple, yet profound way that revolutionizes people's everyday lives. Monica and Shayne's enthusiasm and passion are infectious and was what originally made me want to work with them for the Big Bike Giveaway. I am so excited to see what the future holds for the Big Bike Giveaway!

#### **DEVANSHI SHUKLA**

Hello! I'm Devanshi, a third year Integrated Science student specializing in Biology at Western University. Working with Big Bike Giveaway has allowed me to connect with the greater London community in a very unique way. Big Bike Giveaway has a huge impact on the community, benefits Londoners as well as the environment, it has been amazing to be part of such an initiative! Can't wait to see what comes next!

#### JERMIAH JOSEPH

Hi! My name is Jermiah, a third year Western University student doing an Honours Specialization in Integrated Science with Computer Science. Working with Monica and Shayne showed me what the London community is like aside from the university student community. The work they do is truly inspiring and eye-opening! Here's to another five years of Big Bike Giveaways!

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