

NorCal Trykers News

Creating Mobility for Children with Special Needs



RECORD NUMBER OF TRYKES GIVEN AWAY IN 2020!!

Despite the global pandemic, NorCal Trykers was able to provide 70 special needs children with therapeutic tricycles from AMTRYKE in 2020. Precautions were taken by limiting the giveaway to the child and family member(s), wearing masks and outdoors. Thanks to Jim & Terryl Kocsis for allowing us to use your premises.

The kids were excited and grateful to receive their trykes. Thanks to our amazing donors who made this possible.



UPCYCLE PROGRAM IN ACTION

NorCal Trykers promises to provide “upcycles” to our recipients who outgrow their trykes. Pictured above are Audrey and Abigail, who received their first trykes from NorCal Trykers in 2018, and received the next size up this year. The trykes were well maintained, so we can now refurbish their old trykes to give away to other children in need.

2021 Tryke Recipients

- Aaron
- Ava
- Charlie
- Karis
- Ivan
- Penelope
- Declan
- Sebastian
- Cameron
- Derek
- Marke
- Sabrina
- Logan
- Desmond
- Katie
- Brooke
- Bryan Adrian
- Dillon
- Ezequiel
- Jonathan
- Jayden
- Alixel
- Dillan
- Elysia
- Jeremiah

UpCycle Recipients

- Abigail
- Audrey
- Alixel

A MESSAGE FROM GILL

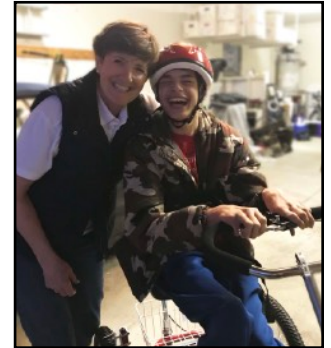
The pandemic is still with us, a year after it began, and it continues to impact many areas of our lives. We, here at NorCal Trykers, have all remained well and have continued to donate trykes to children with special needs. All evaluations and fittings have been done outside, with all precautions taken.

We donated more trykes in 2020 than in previous years, 70 in total!! This year is proving to be more challenging as the supply of trykes from Taiwan has slowed us down. We are doing all we can to provide an efficient service, but the supply issue has created a lot of frustration. We thank our families for their continued patience.

There are many things to be grateful for and one of them is our assessment trailer. We received it in mid-February, having ordered it about a year ago (Covid delays!!!) We are thrilled with it and have so many plans. Our immense gratitude to Woodland Sunrise Rotary for awarding us this grant (see the section on Tryke Days in this newsletter)

Another enormous debt of gratitude goes to our amazing volunteer, Jim Kocsis of Davis. He is running our Re-Cycle program and has upgraded many trykes now, allowing us to re-issue them. He has also organized all our spare parts and made an effective inventory. This allowed us to donate many trykes over the summer that were missing a key component (Jim managed to assemble the missing items from the myriad of spare parts hiding in our storage unit!!)

Wishing you and your family all the very best.



INTRODUCING TRYKE DAYS!!!

We are so excited to announce a development in our service to families of children with special needs.

Due to a generous grant, awarded to us by Woodland Sunrise Rotary, we have been able to purchase a 16 foot box trailer. This trailer will be stocked with samples of all the trykes that Amtryke manufactures, along with all the accessories and adaptations.

We plan to hold "Tryke Days" 4 times a year, with the first one scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd, held at the Northern California Children's Therapy Center, 1321 College Street, Woodland.

Families will be invited to come along for the following reasons:

1. New applicants can try out a variety of trykes, ensuring we order the most appropriate setup
2. Families can bring their child's tryke to repair or replace a broken part
3. Families can bring their child and tryke for a sizing evaluation. If the tryke can be enlarged to allow further use, we can do that, or we can evaluate the child for the next size up (upcycle).

We are so grateful to Woodland Sunrise Rotary for facilitating this development in our program.



EASY WAYS TO DONATE TO NORCAL TRYKERS

The average cost of one Tryke is \$1,000. Please donate today to help us bring the gift of mobility to a child in need. **Ways to donate:**

- Send a check payable to NorCal Trykers and mail to 417 Mace Blvd., Ste., J-177, Davis, CA 95618
- Go to www.norcaltrykers.com and click on the PayPal button.
- On Facebook, go to NorCal Trykers and click on the donate button
- If shopping on Amazon.com, go to <https://smile.Amazon.com>, designate NorCal Trykers Chapter of National AMBUCS, Inc. as your charity of choice, and a portion of the sale will be donated to NorCal Trykers.
- Check to see if your company participates in matching funds through Benevity and designate NorCal Trykers Chapter of National AMBUCS, Inc.

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