# NorCal Trykers News

Creating Mobility for Children with Disabilities

# **GHOULS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!**

orCal Trykers haunted the streets of Davis alongside their spooktacular friends and families at the annual Zombie Bike Parade in

Smiles and late October. costumes were on display as our Trykers joined with many hundreds of other children and families on a ride that has become a holiday tradition presented by the Davis Odd Fellows and the Bike The Zombie Bike Campaign. Parade's mission is to make bicycling available to everyone, including children with disabilities. To that end, the organizers have donated more



than \$35,000 to NorCal Trykes over the past six years. To that we say, Happy Halloween" and a huge thank you to the many generous sponsors of the Zombie Bike Parade.

# **84 TRYKES DONATED IN 2024**

Thanks to all of our wonderful donors, NorCal Trykers was very busy donating trykes in 2024. Of those 84 trykes, 69 were new recipients, and 15 kids were provided with an "UpCycle" because they had outgrown the tryke initially provided to them, those trykes were then refurbished to nearly new condition and provided to new recipients. Each tryke has the potential to be used by several recipients across its serviceable life.

# A MESSAGE FROM GILL

We at NorCal Trykes had much to be grateful for in 2024. Thanks to our donors and volunteers, we were able to provide more adaptive Trykes to children than in any prior year. Our reward was seeing their excitement and smiles as they mastered their new "wheels."



And, there's more good news! In addition to the new Trykes, we have also added many "Re-Cycled" Trykes, all of which came to us in varying degrees of use, and all repaired burnished to like-new condition. For this we have our dedicated and amazing volunteers, Jim and Terryl, to thank. From new spokes and gears to new wheels and paint, they made it happen.

We are also eager to donate Trykes to schools for use in their inclusion classrooms. We now have two volunteers who repair and maintain these Trykes with a regular annual service. Thank you to Roy Murray and Dorrick Minnis for volunteering for these positions.

NorCal Trykers is a 100% volunteer organization, with professionals from a variety of backgrounds. Their dedication to serving the needs of disabled children in the area allows us to continue our work.



Sincerely,

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# 2025 TRYKE-A-THON - MAY 1 - 31



Our big fundraiser this year will be a Tryke-A-Thon with our NorCal Trykers recipients participating to raise money to provide AMTRYKE tricycles to other children with disabilities.

Trykers will be setting a goal for how far they will ride. For example, if there is a one-mile bike path in their neighborhood, the Tryker might choose to ride it three times a week for a total of twelve miles for the month. Families and friends are asked to sponsor the ride and donate a set amount.

Participating is for a good cause and, as easy as riding a Tryke!

Donations will be accepted from anyone who would like to donate in support of our NorCal Trykers recipients past, present and future.

### RECENT GIVEAWAY RECIPIENTS







# THE ADAPTIVE TRICYCLE DIFFERENCE

A MTRYKE adaptive trikes come in many shapes and sizes and are designed to maximize the abilities of children with disabilities, allowing them to be as successful as possible. There are hand powered trikes, foot powered and a combination of both (hand and foot). We can supply head rests, extra-large and contoured seats, a whole variety of pedals and accessories to fit any child.

NorCal Trykers has provided over 350 trykes to kids since 2017. Many of these are now Re-Cycled trykes,



so many trykes serve more than one child. We have four programs that are very active and help kids access the right tryke.

**Tryke Days** - NorCal Trykers hosts these approximately 5 times a year. Our new applicants can come and meet us at various locations. We have a 16-foot box trailer, donated by Woodland Sunrise Rotary that contains all of the models we can provide, allowing the child to test ride the appropriate model with different adaptations.

**UpCycle** - When a child outgrows their tryke they can come along on Tryke Day to return their tryke and be evaluated for the next size up.

**Re-Cycle** - We have an active Re-Cycle program run by two volunteers. When trykes are returned, our volunteers strip it down, replace broken part and then we are able to re-issue it to a new applicant. Many of the smaller trykes will be used by multiple children. Your gift could potentially be the gift that keeps on giving.

**Tryke Giveaways** - New recipients come along with their family to be presented with their tryke. The tryke is fitted to the child by a Physical Therapist and a mechanic. The family then get to take the tryke home. All trykes must be stored indoors and properly maintained.

# **COMING SOON: NEW AMTRYKE MODEL**

A mtryke has been developing a new Tryke model for the past several years. The prototype phase is now complete and the new models are due to arrive shortly. We have a few on order and are eager to add two models to our trailer so we can use them when evaluating children on Tryke Day.



CONTACT AMTRYKE CUSTOMER SUPPORT FOR LATEST AVAILABILITY INFORMATION amtryke@ambucs.org

# THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS 2024 DONORS

#### **\$5,000**+

Feedworks USA Odd Fellows of Davis - Zombie Bike Ride

# \$1,000 TO \$4,999

Kiwanis Club of Sacramento, The Tour de France Game, Captrust Community Foundation, Cone Family Fund of the Yolo Community Foundation, M. Maggiora - Re/Max Gold, Tim Byrd, L. Verke-Jackson, K. Schaller, S. Stout, H. Reiniger - Walk With Austin, Niedzinski, F. & B. Medrano, R. Mariano

## \$500 TO \$999

Davis Bike Club, R. & L. Yackzan, Collision Pros, Skalland Family, S. Subramanian, T. Basilico, M. Cullison, B. von Tress, L. Pedersen, M. Van de Heetkamp, J. & K. Elsbach Fund, Fenton Keller, A. Battle, L. Applegate, W. Uecker, E. & L. Hassid, Kiwanis Club of Davis, A. Philipps, C. McMillan, D. & J. Salk

#### \$100 TO \$499

A. Hosseini, R. Fry, D. Bruns, A. Larsen, J. Bowlus, M. Tarasenko,
M. & K. Fee, K. Eichorn, G. Humus, P Kantardjieff, K. Baxter, M. Cabral,
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L. Janjigian, J. Nuni, N. Orum, T. Louis, L. Quinn, D. Schaefer, M. Patel,
E. Monier, A. Rodriguez, F. Krieger, E. Rulona, R. Adcock, S. Matthews,
J. Abramowitz, S. Dhillon, S. Rinetti, L. Velasco, K. Dixon, P. Carter,
A. Peterson, S. Pazirandeh, M. Swinnerton, C. Thomsen, J. Menjivar,
B. Raymond, S. Strauss, H. McCullough

In addition to the above, NorCal Trykers received many donations of up to \$100, each one making a valuable contribution to a tryke for a child with disabilities. We appreciate each and every donation.

# WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!!

## KUDOS TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

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#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Therapists: F. Krieger, J. Law, J. Carter School Program: Roy Murray, Dorrick Minnis Media Assistant: Joanne Crosta

# EASY WAYS TO DONATE TO NORCAL TRYKERS

The average cost of one Tryke is \$1,200. 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
- · On Facebook, start a fundraiser
- Go to <u>www.norcaltrykers.com</u> and click on the PayPal button, designate paying a person. Or...use the QR code below.
- · Pay on the Venmo app by scanning the QR code below.
- Tribute Donations: If you would like family or friends to donate to a charitable organization in lieu of a gift, we would appreciate you thinking of NorCal Trykers.



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