

Annual Report 2015

**OVER 700
STUDENTS
TRAINED IN
SCHOOL CYCLE
SAFETY PROGRAM**

**100 Bikes
given to New
Canadians!**



A learning hub for building and repairing bikes, offering safe cycling education, providing access to affordable transportation, and fostering a rich and inclusive cycling community.

3 Things to know about New Hope Community Bikes

THE WORK

- We offer DIY bike repairs and classes, women's only nights, newcomer nights, cycle safety education
- The number of people cycling grows every year in Hamilton, we have grown to meet the demand

THE IMPACT

- Over 700 kids were taught advanced bike skills and safety
- Over 700 repairs and refurbished bike sales provide base funding for new initiatives

YOU CAN HELP

- Our work is only possible because of donations of bikes and the hard work of volunteers



Students from Hamilton District Christian Highschool work to refurbish kids bikes at Storefront location 1422 Main St. E.

The Numbers

2500+	Volunteer hours
100	Bikes given away to Newcomers to Canada and Youth with a support worker through our Newcomer Bike Night.
300+	Bikes refurbished and sold for affordable transportation, proceeds support ongoing programming, DIY Space, and give away bikes
400+	Customer bikes repaired
729	Students participated in Ride Smart training
40	Families/individuals rented cargo bikes
45	People attended Basic Bike Repair Classes



Highlights

RIDE SMART CYCLE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ride Smart is a self-contained, week long, cycle program for students in grade 5-7. Funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation allowed NHCB to purchase a class set of bikes, helmets, a truck and a trailer to offer the program at local schools. Students learn road safety, emergency manoeuvres and the overall joy of cycling during the program. Eight schools participated in the program over the course of 9 weeks in the spring and fall terms.

WOMEN'S ONLY BIKE REPAIR CLASS AND OPEN SHOP NIGHT-

Our women's only class continued to be offered with great success, an additional women's open shop

night was added once a month to provide additional friendly space for women to come and work on their own bikes. This program has been supported by consistent volunteers who make Women's Repair night part of their regular monthly activities.

LASTING PARTNERSHIPS - New Hope Community Bikes has been working closely with Bike for Mike since 2010. In 2015 the partnership lead to a shared grant project with Canadian Tire JumpStart which added to the annual Mike Ride fundraiser to provide 1000 free bikes for students and families in downtown Hamilton and allowed NHCB to offer Ride Smart training free to all students.



STAFFING- NHCB added two new full time staff in 2015, expanding the capacity of the organization. After many months of consistent volunteering and creating the women's bike repair nights, Johanna started as the full time Education and Community Outreach Coordinator in April. Rob

connected with New Hope Bikes through volunteering with Bike for Mike, and completing the mechanic course at Winterborne Bike Institute. Rob works as the full time mechanic and keeps repairs on schedule and a constant stream of refurbished bikes to the shop floor.

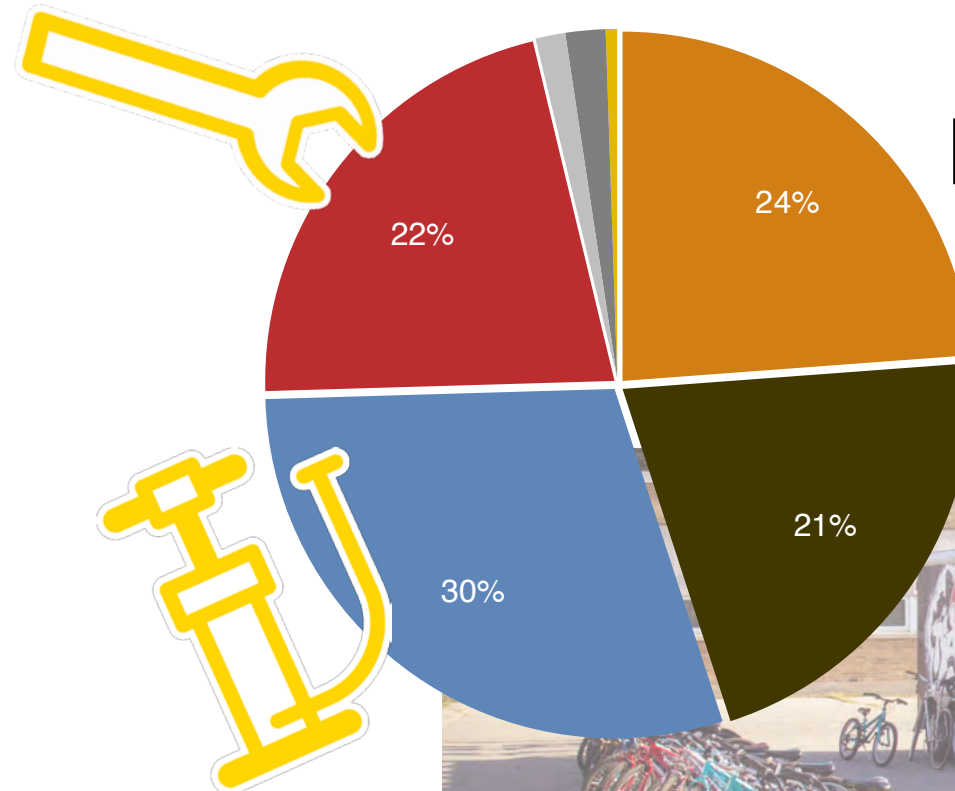
New Programs

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANNING - A contract with the City of Hamilton, Public Health and Active Transportation departments has allowed NHCB to work on School Travel Planning in Hamilton, creating a status report for 9 schools. The process looks at active and sustainable school travel and seeks to identify and reduce barriers that prevent active transportation to and from school. This work has also provided great context to introduce schools to the Ride Smart School Program.

NEWCOMER BIKE NIGHT - Newcomer nights are a time when New Canadians are welcomed into the shop to work on a bike that will become their own. The program is a partnership with ARocha with attendees being directed to the program through Wesley Urban Ministries.

The Dollars - Income Sources 2015

- Repairs Sales
- Operating Grants
- Cargo Bike Rentals
- Basic Bike Repair Classes
- Refurbished Bike Sales
- Capital Grants
- Invoiced on-site Repairs and Programs



Grant Partners

- ARCELOR MITTAL DOFASCO
- CANADIAN TIRE JUMPSTART
- CITY OF HAMILTON
- HAMILTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- HAMILTON HELMET INITIATIVE
- MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
- ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION

New Hope Community Bikes has a unique charitable model that is able to generate as much as 60% of the annual operating budget through the proceeds of the bike shop. This means that grant funding has a very low administration cost and money can be used directly towards staffing educational activities.



Get Involved

Every little bit helps us meet our vision of building community through bicycles. We believe that bicycles have a role in building strong, healthy communities and that cycling and repair skills provide new opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds and experiences to be part of their community.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT - As a registered charity, we can receive financial donations in person at our storefront location, as well as online through CanadaHelps. A number of people have already committed to supporting NHCB on a monthly basis, helping to ensure long term sustainability. To give a one time donation or monthly support, search "New Hope Community Bikes" under charity at CanadaHelps.org or follow the link on our website.



"It's the environment that keeps me coming back, everybody there quickly becomes friends and we all get along regardless of whether it's your first time there or your hundredth time. It's a friendly place to be." - Drake White

The shop is open over 1600 hours per year for volunteers and DIY.



VOLUNTEER - Volunteers make our paid staff exponentially more productive. Refurbishing bikes is an activity that requires low, medium and high skilled tasks. Degreasing and removing rust from a donated bike can be done with no prior experience. Tasks like replacing a tire tube can be taught in a short period of time, giving a volunteer a quick new skill set. Finally, tasks such as bearing rebuilds, require a higher skill set developed with practice and repetition. By utilizing volunteers who have all different skill levels, paid staff are able to focus on quality oversight and teaching skills that increase volunteer independence.

HOST A BIKE DRIVE - The idea of a bike drive is simple, pick a day, a location and a way to let people know it's happening, then collect bikes that people no longer need! We can arrange to have bikes picked up and will refurbish them into affordable transportation, or use bikes that can't be refurbished for parts on other bikes. In the past bike drives have been hosted by for-profit businesses as a way to offer a customer discount, by churches wanting to connect with their neighbourhood, and by other community organizations.

WE NEED ABOUT 4-6 BIKE DRIVES PER YEAR TO MEET OUR DEMAND FOR REFURBISHED BIKES.



A student practices her balance during the last day of Ride Smart at Franklin Road School

