

December 2016

## Reflections on the Year

Ross Willard, Chief Mechanical Officer

2016 has been an *amazing* year of “firsts” for the organization! Before I get to the firsts – let’s pause to remember our mission and what we did this year:

- Provide safe bicycles and bicycle repair at no charge to anyone who has a need
- Teach bicycle safety and repair to all who are interested
- Advocate for safe bicycles and safe riding practices
- Be a good neighbor and valued member of the community

But you all know what really do: we provide safe, used bicycles for fun and transportation to disadvantaged kids and adults in central PA. We also provide a place for halfway house volunteers to work and learn. As you have all heard me say many times – we really “recycle” people. RBH is a place where so many can find assistance, perhaps a new beginning and a way forward, and even find a sense of mission and meaning in their lives.

Because of the kindness of many, many donors in central Pennsylvania, RBH has been the recipient of literally *hundreds* of lightly and heavily-used, unneeded, and unwanted bicycles – and even a couple of tricycles and scooters. As a result, we were able to give away more than **1500** bikes during the year. And we gave

away hundreds of children’s bikes during the Christmas Program.

Many families and friends have generously contributed to offset the daily operations of the Warehouse and the Campaign to purchase a new home for the shop and our vast “inventory.”

And you, the many volunteers who work with such dedication and kindness - **you** made it all happen! You repaired more than **2500** bikes at festivals, fairs, street corners, the warehouse, and basically anywhere anyone asked for our help.

### But now – to the “Firsts”!!

- We became a legal non-profit corporation when we officially incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania.
- After 15 years of operation, we applied for and were granted 501(c)3 non-profit status from the IRS.
- We purchased a domain name and launched our new website, <http://www.recyclebicycleharrisburg.org>
- We initiated our first capital campaign with a goal of **\$150,000** to purchase our first permanent home.

In the New Year, we hope to add a few more “firsts” and continue to provide even more cycling support to our community.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees a very special **Thank You**, to each and every one of you for helping RBH to have its most successful year ever. Your support is greatly appreciated, and **thank you for all you do!**

### Building Campaign Reaches Beyond Halfway Point After Only One Year!

Wow, our supporters - individuals, corporations, local businesses and foundations - are **awesome!** At the end of the year of the Capital Campaign you, our donors, have provided:

- **\$60,682** in cash gifts
- **\$19,500** in future pledges
- The “**\$4000 Challenge Gift**” was *overmatched* by your donations of **\$5,825!!**

For a small non-profit organization, *in its first campaign year*, this amount is truly **extraordinary!** And this \$80,182, does not include the approximately



\$7000 given by donors for general warehouse operations.

### Going Forward

With your help we hope to reach our Campaign Goal of \$150,000. We hope to be able to purchase a new home for \$100,000 - \$125,000, complete with HVAC, **bathrooms(!)**, and lighting. The balance of the campaign will go towards renovations to suit our operations. (Our volunteer carpenters, electricians and handymen and women will have their work cut out for them again. But this time, it will be for the **last** time!

### When Will The New Home Happen?

The Trustees have been aggressively seeking new donors, particularly from corporations and private foundations in the area. We recently secured a \$10,000 gift from **The John Crain Kunkle Foundation**, and have proposals under review by a number of other foundations. And we have a list of corporations we hope will assist in our mission. So the bottom line, as they say is – it will depend on our many donors! It might even happen in 2017!



### Christmas Bike Program Has Record Year!

RBH and our friends gave away a total of **675+ bicycles** in central Pennsylvania in 2016.

- Recycle Bicycle gave away 325 at the Warehouse.
- The Common Wheel of Lancaster got 200 from the Warehouse to give away.
- Gung Ho Bikes of York Tuesday night volunteer group gave away 150+ that came from the Warehouse.

**Thanks again to the donors and volunteer mechanics, polishers and delivers!**



### 501(c)3 Status - Why is it Important?

Formal non-profit status – aside from all the legal issues – allows RBH to **seek funding in new ways.**

- We can now receive “matching program” gifts from employers of volunteers and other donors. Ask if your employer will match your gift to Recycle Bicycle!
- We can now be the recipient of gifts through the United Way! Write your check to UW and specify that it is for Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg.
- We may receive gifts of appreciated stock.
- We may receive gifts from individuals through investment fund companies via a “gift fund.” For example, if an individual has appreciated mutual funds at the end of the tax year, he/she can get a tax break by giving the sale of that fund through a corporate “gift fund” (set up by that individual) and thence to Recycle Bicycle.
- We may even be a beneficiary on an individual’s will. Many of us cannot give much to RBH now, but perhaps we can donate in a substantial way through our estates. If you are considering adding Recycle Bicycle to your will, please speak to the RBH CFO, Terry Turney.
- We may also be a beneficiary on someone’s life insurance policy. This is another long-term way to help RBH.

Our new status also allows us to:

- **Purchase a new home, and pay no property tax on that new warehouse!**

### Honor Roll of Donors to RBH in 2016

Our gratitude and great appreciation goes to the following who have financially supported RBH.

- ❖ A wonderful donor who wishes to remain Anonymous
- ❖ Thomas Y. Au
- ❖ Russel Bahn
- ❖ Sandy Ballard
- ❖ Bill and Patty Baughman
- ❖ Diane Bermingham
- ❖ Bike and Build, Inc.
- ❖ Louis Bravos
- ❖ Jennifer Bryant
- ❖ Doug Charney
- ❖ Marilyn Chastek
- ❖ Comprehensive Financial Associates, (Eric Pettis)
- ❖ Emily Cotich
- ❖ Jo Ann Cramer
- ❖ Joseph L. Daversa
- ❖ JoAnne Dobrenski

## Honor Roll of Donors to RBH in 2016 (continued!)

- ❖ Carl Donmoyer
- ❖ Susanne Donmoyer
- ❖ Jenifer Donnelly
- ❖ Rev. Harold Fox
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- ❖ Holly Beth Willard
- ❖ Ross and Ruth Willard
- ❖ YWCA of Greater Harrisburg
- ❖ Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church



Thank  
you

### Publicity and Honors in 2016

At the **United Way's Volunteer Center Awards** ceremony on April 21, **Ross Willard**, founder of Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg, was presented with the *Volunteer of the Year Award* in the adult category.



In September Mayor of Harrisburg, Eric Papenfuse interviews Ross at the Warehouse!  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9k4e\\_u2pns&t=224s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9k4e_u2pns&t=224s)

In early November Fox 43 TV ran a report about Recycle Bicycle. [https://youtu.be/jtq\\_JirshjY](https://youtu.be/jtq_JirshjY)

On November 23, Fox 43 TV ran a report about 61 bicycles going to students of Lincoln Charter School in York. Anyone who wants a bicycle this holiday season can have one, thanks to Ross Willard and Recycle Bicycle. <http://fox43.com/2016/11/23/holiday-cheer-on-two-wheels-recycle-bicycle-gives-bikes-to-kids/>

In late 2016, WGAL TV 8 announced that Ross Willard is a winner of the Inaugural WGAL TV-8 "8 Who Care" Award for his work at Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg.

[Click here to see video ROSS WILLARD – 8 WHO CARE AWARD WINNER – NOVEMBER 11, 2016](#)

**Be blessed in 2017 - and thanks again for all you do!**

**- Ross**

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