



**RECYCLE  
BICYCLE  
HARRISBURG**

WINTER 2020



# Thanks To YOU our Dream Came True in 2019!

Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg is so grateful to all our donors. We have been saving the money you have been donating for years with a goal to buy a building we can call home. We have finally raised enough money to make that dream come true. With the support of the community, the city, and YOU, we are now located in our new permanent home at 1722 Chestnut Street in Harrisburg.

Our previous borrowed location, 2266 Atlas St., was sold in a tax sale and we had to move. The stars aligned and an opportunity to purchase a 9,000 square foot building landed on our doorstep. The building was in pretty rough condition and in need of a lot of work. However, the RBH team of volunteers was up to the task and has made amazing progress in the past four months. See page 2 for photos and more details.



### Look for our grand opening in late spring or early summer.

While all of this construction work is going on we are still helping those who need bicycles and bicycle repair during our normal business hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday.

**Volunteers** are the strength of our existence. Whether bike mechanics, grant writers, number crunchers, or maintenance folks, these people have kept this organization alive and play a vital role in fulfilling our mission. We saw over 7,000 total volunteer hours in 2019. Many VOLUNTEERS have stepped up to help with our repair and construction needs in our new building; the electricians, the plumbers, the demolition crew, and the building crew. More than 2,500 volunteer hours have gone into building repairs, demo, renovation, as well as behind-the-scenes work on grants, spreadsheets, mailings, and design. We thank everyone who has given their time and talent to help us with our mission.



We have dedicated volunteers, including those seeking community service hours, who volunteer at the shop. Tasks at the shop range from fixing bicycles, scrapping unusable bikes, registering bicycles, and organizing parts. In 2019, 2,500 bikes were given away and another 1,400 repaired.



Our **Community Outreach** impact takes our mission to the streets and to communities in the Central PA area. We have facilitated fun bicycle rides to promote bicycle awareness. We have worked with other bicycle/pedestrian organizations on safety and advocacy, such as Bicycle South Central PA and the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. We offer bicycle valet parking at Harrisburg festivals and events. And we work with local groups, churches, and schools to promote safety, and repair and give away bikes. We are community focused, helping and teaching our neighbors.

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## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

- **Dauphin County Bar Association** approved us for pro bono legal work that helped greatly during our purchasing of our building.
- **Leadership Harrisburg Area** selected us as a 2020 Team Project Partner. They will help us to recruit strong Board of Director candidates who have the ability to do long range strategic planning and assure our financial stability.
- **305 bicycles for children** were given away during the holidays. **Baughman United Methodist Church** in New Cumberland graciously provided space in the basement of their church for us to fix children's bicycles.
- **A new trailer** was purchased. The trailer is our bike shop on wheels we use for community outreach events.



# Building Update



**We took ownership of 1722 Chestnut St.** on October 8, 2019. Since then we have accomplished many improvements.

Our first task was to repair the main 80-year-old roof that had been leaking for years. The front room of the building will serve us well for fixing bicycles during the winter months but needs many upgrades before we can officially begin that service. Demolition of the front room, old bathrooms and storage areas began immediately. Mold was present in all these places and after demo we received professional mold remediation. Many dumpsters were filled and hauled away. Repairs on the main roof started on November 25 and were finished on December 11.

As 2020 begins we are well on our way to completing some of the necessary renovations. Electricity for the entire building is being redone. Plumbing for the ADA bathrooms has been roughed in. The back roof over a small portion of the building has been replaced. Framing and insulation in the front room is being installed.

## There is still much to be done in 2020:

- New ADA front door with crash bar
- 2 new ADA bathrooms, to include all new fixtures and exhaust fans
- New high-efficiency gas HVAC system
- New LED light fixtures
- New insulation
- New drop ceiling
- New paint
- New emergency lighting and lighted exit signs

With the help of our all-volunteer crew and the volunteer professionals we expect to be fully operational in a few short months. We welcome all who want to help; no experience necessary. However if you enjoy hanging drywall or drop ceilings, please give us a call.





# RECYCLE BICYCLE HARRISBURG 2019

**2,500**  
bikes  
earned or  
given away

**1,400**  
bikes  
repaired

**44%**  
of **Community  
Outreach** dedicated  
to teaching, fixing  
and giving

**4,500**  
volunteer  
hours  
in the shop

**2,500**  
volunteer hours  
for **building  
renovations**

**\$32,000**  
donated toward  
our **Matching  
Fund  
Challenge**

RBH is a teaching warehouse where anyone can come in and Earn-a-Bike. Our **Earn-a-Bike program** requires the recipient of a bike to repair and make the bike safe, while learning necessary maintenance.



“ I first learned about **Recycle Bicycle** from a fellow church member, Phillip Van der Goes, at Covenant Community Church here in Harrisburg. He told me he volunteers there and urged me to do the same. I was able to trade in my bike and upgrade to a much cooler one that I fixed using bike repair knowledge taught to me by the shop’s very thoughtful volunteers.

It’s been about a year since I joined their ranks and I can attest that it has been fun, therapeutic, and extremely rewarding. Helping and teaching adults and children in the community I grew up in really means the world to me. I learn something new every day I volunteer, and urge anyone reading this to come and get involved if you haven’t already. ”

## **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT** – DENNIS SPRUILL

U.S. Army Veteran, Community Member Volunteer

# WAYS TO HELP



We greatly appreciate your kind and generous gifts of:

- **Your valuable time as a volunteer!**
- **Bicycles, bike parts and bike accessories.**
- **Tools and other furnishings for a bike shop.**

RBH is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Most gifts are tax deductible depending on the donor's tax situation. We welcome monetary gifts to keep our shop open.

**Monetary Gifts** - Donations by check or credit card can be made through the RBH website or through the RBH Facebook page.

**United Way Gifts** - Make your gift to the United Way of the Capital Region and specify that your gift is to go towards Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg.

**Matching Gifts** - Many corporate entities have an employee matching gift program. Not sure your employer makes matching gifts? Please ask your employer.

**Amazon Smile** - Log on to Amazon through [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) (instead of just amazon.com), select Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg as your charity. We will get a percentage from your purchases. It won't cost you a penny. But we will get pennies, and they add up. Remember, any purchase with Amazon must be through [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) to help us receive the money.

**Gifts from Donor-Advised Funds** - A donor-advised fund is like a charitable investment account, for the sole purpose of supporting a charitable organization you care about. You must set up a DAF in your account.

**Gifts of Appreciated Stock** - Talk to your broker or accounting advisor.

**Gifts Through Planning** - You can ensure that RBH's work continues by placing a gift to RBH in your will, trust or estate plan.

**Life Insurance** - You can list RBH as beneficiary on a life insurance policy. This is another long-term way to help Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg.

## Thanks to you continued from Page 1

RBH participated in 85 outreach events in 2019. A total number of 239 volunteers assisted in giving away over 200 bicycles, helmets, and fixing about 100 bicycles. They also trained about 56 new riders, attended advocacy events, parked bicycles, participated in bicycle rides, and promoted Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg at many community events.





**Donors and more donors!** RBH is so grateful to the many individuals and organizations that have donated to us. Whether it was bicycles, parts, food, bike clothing, safety gear, or money, we thank you! In January 2015 we started with \$4,000. At the end of 2015 we had assets of \$11,255 and at the end of 2016 we had \$62,151. Four years later, through robust fundraising and several people who shared our vision, RBH had \$200,649 in assets and enough money to solidify our vision of a permanent home.

RBH had four anonymous donors come forward with a dollar-for-dollar match campaign at the end of 2019. They put up \$10,000! Our beloved donors and kind benefactors responded to our campaign and gave more than \$32,000. We also had tremendous support from our Facebook followers and we are very thankful for those who chose to use that method of donating. Additionally, we received many company matches on donations—this is an extra gift for us! **For a complete list of all donors, please visit our website.**

We are so grateful to our supporters. Your confidence and trust in what we do fuels our passion to grow and continue our mission. We couldn't do it without you!



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