



**Kiwaniis**  
CALGARY CHINOOK

# KIWANIS CLUB OF CALGARY CHINOOK BIKES & SPORTING GOODS PROGRAM 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## "EVERY KID DESERVES A BIKE"

This simple yet powerful belief fuels our Bikes & Sporting Goods Program at the Kiwanis Club of Calgary Chinook. Thanks to the generosity of our community—individuals, businesses, and organizations—we've had the privilege of equipping Calgary's kids with bikes, helmets, sporting goods, backpacks and even winter clothing.



## HOW IT WORKS

Donated and garage-sale-sourced bikes and gear are lovingly refurbished, ensuring they're safe and ready for new adventures. Many of these repairs take place at the Calgary Correctional Centre, where inmates gain valuable skills in their bike shop. While renovations at the Centre reduced the number of bikes they could process in 2024, our dedicated Kiwanis volunteers stepped up to repair, clean, and add bells and locks to the bikes we distributed.

Social workers, agencies, and community members identify families in need, then pick up bikes at one of our giveaway events. Every bike goes home with a new helmet, spreading both safety and joy!

## BY THE NUMBERS: A PROGRAM THAT KEEPS ON ROLLING

Since our program launched in 1997, we've gifted **9,765** bikes and **10,728** helmets to families across Calgary. In 2024, we proudly donated:

- 389 bikes
- 487 helmets

Many of these bikes found homes with refugee children settling into Calgary. The heartfelt thank-you cards and letters we receive from families, caseworkers, and kids remind us why this program matters so deeply.

# MAKING IT ALL POSSIBLE

This program thrives on community support. Sales of donated ski and snowboard gear help fund the initiative, and we're endlessly grateful for financial contributions from compassionate individuals, groups, and companies.

With every bike (helmet and lock included) costing approximately **\$75**, your support makes an incredible impact.

We extend a huge thank-you to our partners:

- Alberta Bike Swap
- Bikes For Humanity
- Bow Cycle & Sports
- Calgary Correctional Centre
- Calgary New and Used Ski Sale
- Calgary Police Services
- Calgary Police Youth Foundation
- Canadian Tire (McLeod Trail)
- CIBC Wood Gundy (CIBC Children's Foundation) Capital Markets and Private Wealth Groups
- Nakiska Ski Resort
- Two Wheel View



## A LOOK AHEAD: CELEBRATING MILESTONES AND MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

In 2025, we're gearing up to hit an incredible milestone: our 10,000th bike giveaway! With four giveaway days planned, we're ready to bring even more smiles to Calgary's kids. Stay tuned for details on how we'll celebrate this achievement together.

## BEYOND BIKES: SPORTING GOODS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND WINTER CLOTHING

Our program doesn't stop with bikes. In 2024, we distributed:

- 253 pieces of sporting goods
- 89 backpacks stuffed with school supplies, generously donated by the amazing team at CIBC Wood Gundy Private Wealth. Their efforts filled a truck with supplies that filled 69 backpacks - thank you for making a difference! An extra shout out to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation for supplying us another 20 backpacks.
- 641 pieces of winter clothing and 236 pairs of mitts, recovered from Nakiska Ski Resort's lost and found. These were cleaned, sorted and donated to various agencies around Calgary to provide much needed winter clothing to many Calgary kids.

## GET INVOLVED

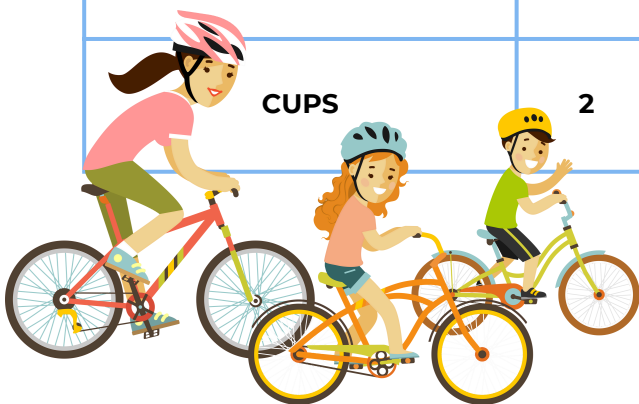
Want to help us keep kids rolling? Whether you'd like to donate, volunteer, or learn more, we'd love to hear from you!

✉ Email us at: [bikes@kiwaniscalgarychinook.ca](mailto:bikes@kiwaniscalgarychinook.ca)

**Together, we're changing lives, one bike at a time.**

## BIKE DISTRIBUTION BY AGENCY

Alberta Health services	1		Enviros	12
Brenda Strafford Centre	10		Foothills Alliance Church	5
Calgary Bike Swap	2		Kindred – Expanding Hope	1
Calgary Board of Education	4		Kiwanis – Community Services	9
Calgary Bridge	69		Kiwanis – Sold	5
Calgary Catholic Immigrant Services	3		McMan Family Services	3
Calgary Catholic School Board	57		Rise Calgary	10
Calgary Correction Centre	2		SE Community Resource Centre	68
Calgary Police Services	8		Ukrainian Refugees	6
Centre for Newcomers	70		Women in Need	15
Children's Cottage Society	1		Wood's Homes	1
Closer to Home	15		Worth Resolving	8
CUPS	2		YWCA	2



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