

Biking with Beanzie

Kiwanis Club of Kishwaukee-DeKalb invites you to sponsor our annual and major fundraiser **Biking with Beanzie**, a charity bicycle ride held each year in mid-July. Our 27th annual ride will be held this year on July 12.

We use the funds we raise for two major purposes. One is to support Kishwaukee Bike Pathway projects; the other is to support many of the deserving charitable organizations in DeKalb County.

Construction of Bicycle Paths

In 2018 a bicyclist was struck by an automobile and killed when he was on his way to work on Fairview Drive in DeKalb. Kishwaukee Kiwanis provided \$19,500 in matching funds for a federal grant to construct a bike path along Fairview Drive, where this accident occurred. The pathway extension was completed in 2021, with Phase 2 to be completed this summer. This donation depleted most of the reserve we had built up for this purpose over the past decade, and we are now working on building the reserve back up for future extensions, park upgrades, and preservation of greenspaces.

Support for Local Charities

We also use funds from Biking with Beanzie to support a number of local charitable organizations, with special focus on those that serve children. In recent years we have supported the following local charities, among others:

Safe Passage	DeKalb Public Library
Hope Haven	Adventure Works
Family Service Agency	Children's Learning Center
4H Foundation	Voluntary Action Center
Salvation Army	Barb City Manor
Egyptian Theatre	Opportunity House
Barb Food Mart	DeKalb High School Scholarships
DeKalb County Community	DeKalb County Community Foundation
Gardens/ Rooted for Good	Barry Haber Scholarship (DCCF)

Thank you for helping serve our community.