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Park New Haven Donates Bicycles

Abandoned bikes from New Haven's Union Station find new life through 'Bikes for Kids' program



Members of the Bikes for Kids team shown loading up the abandoned bicycles at Union Station in New Haven. In Photo (from L to R): Alex Oshanna; Dick Pfeiffer; Carol Fowler; Pete Washburne; and David Fowler, President of Bikes for Kids.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — (March 7, 2013) — Park New Haven, which maintains and manages over 8,000 public parking spots across 7 garages and numerous surface facilities in Downtown New Haven, is pleased to announce the recent donation of 60 bicycles to charity *Bikes for Kids*, a non-for-profit organization that refurbishes and distributes bicycles and helmets to youth in communities in need, including New Haven.

The 60 abandoned bikes had been left unclaimed by customers at New Haven's Union Station Transportation Center for more than 6 months, after which time Park New Haven was contacted by David Fowler, President for the Bikes for Kids program based in Centerbrook, CT and the donation was arranged.

"Giving back to the community at large has been a tradition of Park New Haven, and the opportunity to donate these unclaimed bikes, to give back to kids in need, especially those right here in our own city was

a desire of Bill Kilpatrick, and we are happy to help make that a reality.” said Park New Haven Acting Executive Director, David Panagore. “Bill found a great charity, Bikes for Kids, to step up and agree to take these bikes, make repairs and get them in the hands of children who can enjoy them for years to come.” added Panagore.

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Bikes for Kids has donated back over 14,000 bicycles to kids all over Connecticut since its inception in 1989. Last year alone, the organization was able to deliver over 1,000 repaired bikes and new helmets to children in need in New Haven and across the state.

“We’re so grateful to Park New Haven for donating these bikes. While some need repairs and attention, our team of volunteers will get these back in working order and ready to ride by the kids in the Elm City and other communities in need across Connecticut,” said Fowler.

For more information on Bikes for Kids, please visit www.bikes-for-kids.com. And for more on Park New Haven please visit www.parknewhaven.com

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About Park New Haven

Park New Haven proudly serves the people of New Haven and its visitors with over 8,000 economical public parking spaces at the Air Rights, Crown Street, Temple Street, Temple Medical, Granite Square, Gateway Community College, and Union Station Garages, and at numerous surface facilities conveniently located in downtown New Haven and in surrounding residential neighborhoods. Additionally, Park New Haven serves the well-being and economic development of the New Haven community by providing financially self-sustaining, safe, convenient and economical off-street parking and related services. For more information on Park New Haven, please visit www.parknewhaven.com

About Bikes for Kids

Established in 1989, Bikes for Kids is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit charity that provides bicycles and new helmets to children and families in need all across Connecticut. Based in Centerbrook, CT, the organization has donated over 14,000 new and used bicycles and new helmets to those in need, including 1,000 donated in 2012 alone. For more information on Bike for Kids, please visit www.bikes-for-kids.com