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Dear SLCBAC members,

The Bicycle Collective is a fiscally responsible group of nonprofit bike shops that refurbishes bicycles donated by the thousands each year and puts them into the hands of those in need, focusing on children, newly resettled refugees and immigrants, individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity and income-eligible households.

We work closely with more than 30 partner organizations that help us identify the individuals most in need of a bicycle – often used as their primary source of transportation. Our Bikes for Goodwill partners include: International Rescue Committee (IRC), Catholic Community Services, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Volunteers of America and First Step House. In 2020, we gave away 1024 kids bikes and 358 adult bikes. In 2019, we gave away 872 kids bikes and 410 adult bikes. Having a bicycle provides someone with independence, mobility and a self-reliant form of transportation. The 2019 SLCBAC grant directly supported 24 of these bicycles.

We respectfully request SLCBAC's continued support of \$3500 for our Bikes for Goodwill program. This amount will fund parts and components to rebuild these bikes and for service vouchers to help cover the costs of repairs for those who cannot afford them.

The COVID-19 pandemic hit our most vulnerable the hardest. The Collective continues to serve our clients in this time of uncertainty and transition. We want to be available to safely serve the community, especially with how crucial bikes are to maintaining all of our health and sanity, and naturally promote physical distancing.

The Bicycle Collective is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization. Our EIN is 81-0569811.

Enjoy the Ride,

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Recycling Bicycles, Building Communities