

# BICYCLES FOR HUMANITY ORG

*"Whenever I give to a charity I never really know where the money goes - but there's nothing else my old bike can be used for but riding. Imagining it making a difference in Africa is great"* comment on B4H Website

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Please visit [www.B4HThunderBay.org](http://www.B4HThunderBay.org). There are links to other B4H chapters, the Bicycle Empowerment Network in Namibia, videos and more.



Bikes of

All bikes are now welcomed! Children's bikes were found to be useful both locally and in Namibia. Parts and tools always welcome.

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## 1,600 NWO Bikes in Namibia!

3 containers of bikes have been shipped with a 4th one ready to go! One container is now a bike shop in rural Namibia at an orphanage- The Joy Centre. The other two shipments were rented containers. Those bikes went to restock Bicycle Empowerment Centres which had already used up their initial load of bikes!



**The Joy Centre**  
We have helped create a Bicycle Empowerment Centre at the Joy Centre. Located in Otjiwarongo, Namibia, it assists orphans and vulnerable children providing them with shelter, education, and training. The young people are between 9 and 18 years old. These are children who have lived in the streets, involved in drugs and neglected by families. For more info please see the B4H website.

**Some of the Feedback from Namibia**

*"How can we possibly express our thanks?????????? This is an amazingly HUGE deal for JOY Centre and each one of its kids. ...to teach them team building and give them self confidence and hope in their future... I could just run on and on about what this means to all of us at or connected with the JOY Centre. Now we truly can see how much effort and thought and*

*money and caring went into this (ad)venture! Thank each and every one of you who had a part in this."*  
G.D., Otjiwarongo



**Passion for Africa**  
Recently B4H joined with at least a dozen other local organizations that are providing various types of aid to Africa. The network dubbed itself "Passion for Africa". Its purpose is to promote collaboration. Pass on the word!

**Caring Hands**

Caring Hands hands has become our most exciting and effective form of fundraising. It feels so good to be helping out another organization while helping B4H. To date volunteers have sold over \$10,000 worth of beads!



The artisans are paid a wage that is allowing them to obtain housing, education and medical care for themselves and their families

For more of their story and to see more of their products or how you can help, please visit their website thru the link on the B4h website or at [www.CaringHandsKampala.com](http://www.CaringHandsKampala.com)

**An unexpected email:**

*“Hello I work for the City of Hamilton Ontario. I am here in Otjiwarango and have just visited the Joy Centre. Muriel, the Aunt of the centre told us many remarkable stories of the children and the work she does. We also saw the*



*many, many bikes that have been donated - what a great idea! The visit to the centre has filled me with hope....I just thought I would write and tell you first hand that I have seen the benefit of your generosity.* “ J.P.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting.**

Our 2nd AGM is scheduled for May 1, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church, 639 Grey Street. Details to be announced. Be sure to get on our mailing list to get the invite which will include African food and music.

**Current Board of Directors:**

- Jim Dekker - Past Chair
- Momoh Kargbos -Treasurer
- Steve Klassen - Chair
- Jennifer Lacey - Secretary
- Mike Yuan -Vice-Chair

Nominations for future directors?



**Big Thank You's!!!**

*This list will surely miss important people. Please forgive us!*

- Esso Pass Lake Travel Plaza (for 18 months of free workshop space!)
- Redwood Park Church (hosting the 2nd Annual B4H Pancake Breakfast)
- Erb Transport (moving classroom-furniture for free)
- The Downtown Artisan Farmers Market for our current space



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