

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT: Sarah Lewis, Community Properties of Ohio
Telephone: 614.545.3023 | Fax: 614.253.3818
Email: slewis@cpoms.org | Website: www.cpoms.org

DONATIONS PROVIDE NEW BIKES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES



Donations made through The Columbus Foundation’s “Better Together” campaign fund efforts of PACT and Franklinton Cycle Works to give the gift of a bicycle to fifty-two children on Columbus’ Near East Side.

PACT (Partners Achieving Community Transformation) supports the health and success of the Near East Side community through collaboration and partnership. With a nod to some of the most important residents in this 800-acre area of Columbus, PACT is partnering with Franklinton Cycle Works to distribute fifty-two bicycles to children ages 5-12. Community Properties of Ohio (CPO), an affordable housing provider for low-income families, will identify twenty-six families that could benefit most from this opportunity. The remaining twenty-six families will be identified by Urban Strategies in the spring of 2019.

“I have been a resident of the PACT community for over 25 years. Raising my 7-year-old great-granddaughter, she has always wanted to learn how to ride a bike. I am excited that she will have the opportunity not only to receive a bike but learn how to ride one as well.”

— Resident, Community Properties of Ohio, Columbus near East Side

CPO will sponsor their participating families by paying \$10/each for a Trek bicycle. Each bike will be professionally refurbished by the team at Franklinton Cycle Works. Children will be able to select their bike throughout the week of December 10th and each child will receive Safe Routes bike-riding instructions through the Columbus Health Department, a helmet, a bike lock, and light. Children will receive their bikes and gear at a fun-filled Bicycle Rodeo, planned for December 15th from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. The event will take place in the St. Charles Preparatory annex parking lot at E. Long & Nelson Road. We welcome media coverage as this event will provide a feel-good, positive and visually appealing story to capture the giving spirit of the Columbus community.

Event Agenda:

- 8:00 a.m. Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Families begin to arrive (coffee, donuts, and juice available)
- 9:00 a.m. Bicycle Rodeo begins (outdoors; adjacent parking lot)
- 11:00 a.m. Bicycle Rodeo wrap-up/Family departure begins
- 11:30 a.m. All families depart

For more on PACT, visit: <https://www.eastpact.org>

For more on Franklinton Cycle Works, visit: <https://www.franklintoncycleworks.org>

For more on The Columbus Foundation, visit: <https://columbusfoundation.org/the-giving-store/better-together/let-s-go-ride-a-bike>

For more on CPO Management, visit: <http://www.cpoms.org/> or www.cpoimpact.org

###

