FUNDRAISING TOOLKIT
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO FUNDRAISE FOR WORLD BICYCLE RELIEF.

We are here to make sure your fundraising journey is rewarding and impactful for both you and the people we serve. This step-by-step guide will help inspire ideas and equip you with the resources you need to be successful.
HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER.

Believe in the cause
Commit to your goal
Get creative with a purpose
Make it personal.

Why World Bicycle Relief? Tell people why you believe in The Power of Bicycles. Give specifics about the goals you hope to achieve through your efforts. Be sure to include pictures of you in action!

Kick things off with your first donation.

There’s no better way to jump start your fundraising campaign than to make the first donation. Show your commitment with a personal donation in any amount.
On the first day, seek contributions and support from ten of your closest friends and family. Make those first ‘asks’ to the people with whom you are most comfortable. It is easier and will help your campaign gain momentum. Each time a donation rolls in, you’ll be even more excited for the next.

The following week, reach out to another ten (or even 20) friends and colleagues. Along the way, encourage people to leave personal notes to inspire you and others.

As more people step up, you’ll be more determined to reach out to acquaintances, co-workers, and relatives even further removed. Once the flywheel is turning the momentum will encourage more people to join in.
GIVE TO RECEIVE.

How to write emails that inspire

Share how bicycles change lives. Explain why you fundraise to provide ‘The Power of Bicycles.’

Tell a success story to inspire donations. Explain what students can do with a bicycle.

Be clear. Make a direct request for support and don’t forget to include a link to your fundraising page.

Thank donors for their time and support. Thank them for giving the gift of hope, joy and opportunity!

A picture tells 1,000 words. Be sure to incorporate one or more.
SHARE YOUR STORY.

Social media is a great tool for building awareness.

Use it to share your efforts and success once you have some momentum going. Use the tips below to get others to be part of your story.

• Make an ask and share your goal. You want people to stop and donate now to help activate friends and followers.

• Acknowledge those that have given to help you reach your goal. Tag and thank supporters for their involvement.

• Set a time-bound goal and tell people about it. “Who will help me reach 10 bikes. Every amount counts!”

Sometimes an inspirational story is stronger than a direct ask. Let people know about students mobilized with bicycles. Share how The Power of Bicycles motivates you to fundraise.

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CLOSE THE LOOP.

Step it up just a bit.

Identify potential supporters who have not yet donated and reach out to them once more.

- Make one last request as you head into the ‘final push’ towards your goal.
- Share how far you’ve come and what you hope to achieve. Invite people to help you reach your goal.
- Include a link to an inspirational story on our blog to encourage your friends. Urge them to come alongside you to empower more individuals through The Power of Bicycles.
MAKE EVERYONE FEEL IMPORTANT.

Everybody has a different capacity to give.

Be sure to offer a range of options to make all of your supporters feel appreciated. You might seek $10 donation from many people. And you might ask some people to donate the value of a bike ($147). It’s up to you.

Our online donation forms offer three defined levels, but will accept any dollar amount during the donation process:

- **$25**
  - Wheelset

- **$50**
  - Mechanic’s Toolkit

- **$147**
  - Buffalo Bicycle

Remember, the results of your fundraising will mobilize individuals, families and communities. Whether it’s a single girl child, a group of healthcare workers or an entire school, every bike makes a difference.
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| **Help provide reliable transportation** to students in rural Africa through the @powerofbicycles. Donate here [insert your fundraising page link] | **I’m supporting World Bicycle Relief to mobilize individuals through The Power of Bicycles. Help me provide bicycles for students in rural Africa. Give a gift of joy, hope and opportunity.** Every donation counts: [insert your fundraising page link] | **Dear [Friends and Family],**

I am pleased to share that I am helping raise funds and awareness for World Bicycle Relief, an organization committed to helping individuals overcome the barrier of distance and have better access to education, health care, and livelihood through the Power of Bicycles in rural parts of the world.

**For students in rural Africa, a bike is a life-changing tool that helps increase attendance, improve performance, and help students show up ready to learn. Please consider supporting me as I work to transform a community through the Power of Bicycles. For the recipients, it is more than just a bike. It is a tool for economic and cultural empowerment.**

Every donation makes a difference, and a contribution of $147 puts a brand new Buffalo Bicycle into the hands of a student fighting for her education. I hope you’ll join us in helping mobilize more students, teachers, and social entrepreneurs. [Insert Fundraising Page]

Thank you for your support,
[Your name] |

**A bicycle can help save hours of time for students racing the sun. Please help support by donating here: [insert your fundraising page link]** | **A bicycle helps save hours of time for a student racing the sun. Reliable transportation increases attendance, improves performance and helps students get to school ready to learn. Help me reach my goal to empower students through The Power of Bicycles. Learn more: [insert your fundraising link]** | |
ONLINE RESOURCES.
For more inspiration:

Our 2017 Impact Report
Success Stories
Georgina
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Education for All

Photos

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SDGs
Power of Kids
The Power of You
5 Ways to Fundraise
Have questions? We have a dedicated team to help get your questions answered. Please feel free to reach out for any additional support.

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GET IN TOUCH.

The Power of Bicycles. The Power of You. Together we can give the gift of joy, hope and opportunity.