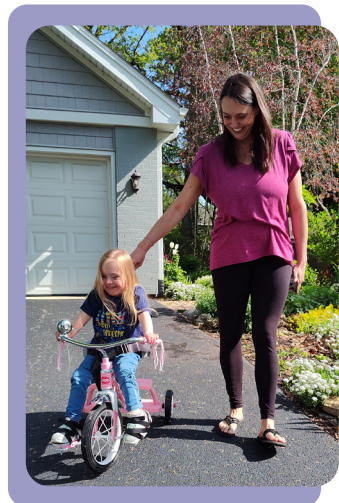


Therapy Oriented Tricycles (TOT) 2024 Update

It is my pleasure to complete a third year helping to provide tricycles to children with disabilities. In 2024, we gave 47 tricycles, specially adapted to help build leg strength, coordination, and confidence among children with developmental needs. Most boys and girls are age 2-7 and use the tricycles with their physical therapists as well as to ride with their parents at home. There is no cost to families as the tricycles are funded by donations and built by volunteers.



Eighteen pediatric physical therapists from 4 states made recommendations for children to receive a tricycle. Locally, the children and parents met with me for a fitting and took the tricycle right home. We also shipped tricycles and special parts to other children in Indiana, California and Massachusetts.

I especially want to thank the volunteers who enthusiastically helped build Radio Flyer and other tricycles and special parts. Three different groups attended the TOT Workshops:

- Northwind Riders Women on Wheels assembled 100 pedals
- The Fox Valley Young Marines of Elgin, IL completely assembled 18 tricycles
- Sons of the American Legion (SAL) of Naperville, IL and Friends of Elizabeth assembled 13 tricycles and 24 backrests, and performed various adjustments on tricycles in inventory

All this could not be possible without our generous donors and through the Pioneers Organization, a volunteer network.

Much thanks to the Dahm family of Naperville, IL who hosted a cul-de-sac block party called Hidden Bay Holiday Lights in November. Their daughter was a tricycle recipient many years ago and they host this fundraiser to help other children ride a tricycle like their daughter did.

Gratitude to a handful of monthly, quarterly and annual donors who faithfully support us.

Deeply grateful for those who honored our project with memorials for their loved one.





And thanks to those parents who donate as their child receives a tricycle because they want to give back.

Most importantly, thank you for God's grace through our prayer team and all who pray for the children and their parents.

As we complete the work of 2024, I ask that you spread the word to any pediatric physical therapists you may know who can recommend children for an adapted tricycle. Every kid should have the opportunity to ride a bike!

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