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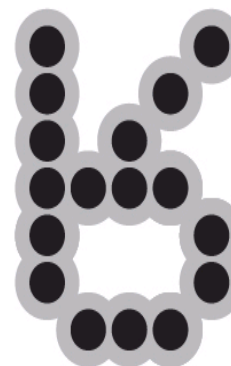
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**Bikes 4 Kids Utah to Donate 1,000 Bicycles to Underprivileged Utah Children**

Bike ride with Dave Zabriskie and other events to raise money for local children



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*Related Website:* [www.bikes4kidsutah.org](http://www.bikes4kidsutah.org)

**The Full Story:**

SALT LAKE CITY - July 26, 2006 - Bikes 4 Kids Utah, a non-profit organization, today announced that it will hold its first ever bike ride fundraiser, September 30, 2006, to provide new bicycles for 1,000 pre-qualified, underprivileged children from Boys & Girls Club of Murray, the Guadalupe School and Rose Park Elementary.

Along with the 1,000 bicycles, the children will also receive helmets, t-

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shirts and locks through the proceeds accrued from sponsorships, a fundraising dinner with silent auction and bicycle rides, including a ride with Salt Lake City native Dave Zabriskie, the third American ever to wear the yellow jersey in the Tour de France.

"I looking forward to sharing something special with these children," Zabriskie said. "Cycling has been my life. It has provided me with a lot of freedom and taught me that exercise, discipline and responsibility can be fun. I can't wait to see the smiles on the faces of these kids when they get their bicycles."

Funds will be raised through a combination of corporate and individual sponsorships, along with a September 29 dinner and silent auction. In addition, on the following day when the children will receive their bikes (9/30/06), Bikes 4 Kids Utah is staging three different rides of varying distances requiring pre-registration and an entrance fee, one of them being a limited participant, 50K ride with Dave Zabriskie requiring a \$1,000 donation per entry.

"We are very excited to provide a positive education and cycling experience for disadvantaged children," said Debbie Reid, founder and director of Bikes 4 Kids Utah. "We want to provide kids with an inexpensive and fun way to get to school, a hobby that helps them get some exercise and a way for them to learn responsibility and safety."

Those wishing to participate and help raise funds towards the purchasing of 1,000 new bicycles for the children can register on the Bikes 4 Kids Utah Web site at [www.bikes4kidsutah.org](http://www.bikes4kidsutah.org). All excess proceeds for the first year's event will go to the Guadalupe School, Donated Dental and improving the bike lanes in Murray City.

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Participating:

Brigham Young University, Donated Dental, Dave Shields (Author of The Tour), Life Bridge, Mike & The Bike, Primary Children's Medical Center, The Red Cross, The Utah Jazz and the University of Utah

For more information regarding Bikes 4 Kids participation or to volunteer, please visit [www.bikes4kidsutah.org](http://www.bikes4kidsutah.org) or contact Debbie Reid at 801-264-0243.

About Bikes 4 Kids Utah

Formed in 2006, Bikes 4 Kids Utah provides underprivileged children with free bicycles as an inexpensive and fun way to get to school, a hobby that helps them get some exercise and a way for them to learn responsibility and safety. In its first annual fundraising year, proceeds will

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provide 1,000 new bicycles (along with helmets, t-shirts and locks) to a pre-selected group of underprivileged children throughout the Salt Lake Valley. Its proceeds are accrued through corporate and individual sponsorships, a dinner and silent auction and rides of varying distances the following day, one of them being a ride with professional cyclist, David Zabriskie, the third American ever to wear the yellow jersey in the Tour de France.

For this year Bikes 4 Kids Utah is working with Boys & Girls Clubs of Murray, the Guadalupe School and Rose Park Elementary. If your organization or child would like to be considered, contact Sharyle Karren at [sharyle@bikes4kidsutah.org](mailto:sharyle@bikes4kidsutah.org).

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