

# BIKES FOR KIDS

## Empower a Spirit and build your community one bike at a time!



**CHILDREN'S**  
AID FOUNDATION OF HALTON

2011 marks the 7th year of the **Bikes for Kids** program by PACEperformance.

Each year we strive to give a local child entrusted to Children's Aid a well deserved and much desired brand new bike or gift for Christmas.

Last year through the help of 100's of local individuals and companies we were able to donate 60+ bikes helmets and locks as well as 500 other gifts to the great kids of CAS.

Please help give a great kid a great Christmas! Who knows how they will pay it forward when they grow up. Help them celebrate the holiday season and let them know that their community cares.

The legacy that we create through them will have a huge ripple affect that will be felt generations in the future. Help build a spirit, build a sense of belonging and build our community through the strength of our youth.

When you see a kid riding their bike for fun, to stay fit, to travel to their part time job, or make their final sprint to the line of a 2025 Tour de France stage victory, know that you contributed to that!

**Please help us start the wave!**

**If you would like further information please feel free to  
contact PACEperformance at 905 467 1301**

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receive a tax  
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Halton Children's  
Aid Society.**



**Cheers and Happy Holidays, PACEperformance**

# **From A CAS Caseworker – to our donors to the Bikes For Kids program**

**I apologize for the delay..... however I wanted to share with you and our generous donors, my experience of dropping off the beautiful new mountain bike to Daniel a few weeks ago....**

**The scene went as follows....**

**I arrived at Daniel's home on a very snowy evening and rang the doorbell as per usual. Daniel's aunt, Catherine had just informed him that I would be bringing an awesome, state of the art, mountain bike with me that had been generously donated to our agency.**

**Daniel is usually quite reserved when I arrive for my visits.... but when the door opened and he caught a glimpse of the black, shiny, awesome bike, his face lit up like a Christmas tree and he almost knocked me over to get to it! He started screaming and jumping up and down and ran outside into the snow in his socks!**

**I tried to encourage him to put his coat and boots on, but there was no stopping him. Before I had a chance to open the packaging on the helmet... Daniel had jumped on the bike and rode off into the complex yelling "thank you, thank you.... I love it.... I love it..." Daniel's aunt and I just stood there in the dark, hoping he was not going to slide on a patch of ice. A few minutes later, Daniel appeared with an enormous smile painted across his bright red face! He yelled "I'm just going to do one more lap.. and then I promise to put my coat and boots on". Catherine and I just laughed.**

**When Daniel finally came inside, he thanked me again for this beautiful bike. He then started to make plans with his aunt around when he would be able to start riding it to school, how he would have to lock it up and how his friends would be so impressed.... I explained to Daniel that if he wanted to thank anyone... it should not be me, rather the donor. Daniel then suggested that he could write a letter and he hoped that I could make sure the person who was so kind to him could receive it.**

**As Daniel's worker, I want to acknowledge the impact our donors' generosity has on our kids. These acts of kindness allow children like Daniel to feel special and to understand the true meaning of community... These acts of kindness allow workers like myself to feel as though we are helping to make a difference in these children's lives.**

**Thanks again,  
Carrie.**