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**BNB Spoke & Word, September 2021: Bike School is Expanding to Roxbury!**

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## **34th Annual Bike-A-Thon: Two Days Left to Fundraise!**

Our 34th Annual Bike-A-Thon was an extraordinary success thanks to you! It was great to see so many Bike Not Bombs friends, youth, staff, volunteers, and supporters come together, in solidarity, to build a more just, equitable, and sustainable world, from the ground up.



*Photo by Jose Carlos Barbosa*

Thank you to our Bike-A-Thon volunteer photographers!  
[Click here to view the official photo album.](#)

Over 100 volunteers hauled boxes, served food, registered riders, fixed bikes, staffed rest stops, drove supplies, shot photos, played music, led rides, swept rides, marshalled rides, and so much more! Our annual event would not be possible without our incredible team of dedicated volunteers.

427 enthusiastic riders and 59 teams collectively rode 19,170 miles — that's round trip from Boston to Singapore!

Together you raised over **\$165,000** (and rising)!

Over 1,700 donors contributed to riders, teams, and the event.

**There is still time to [collect your final donations](#) and earn fun Bikes Not Bombs swag for your efforts!** Fundraising will close by end-of-day Saturday, September 30th. All swag recipients will receive an email in early October. As a reminder, riders who collect:

- \$400 or more are eligible to receive a pair of Bikes Not Bombs cycling socks
- \$750 or more are eligible to receive a Bikes Not Bombs cycling cap or tote bag, and;
- \$1,500 or more can receive a Bikes Not Bombs jersey or zip-up hoodie

Because of you, we continue to innovate programs that uplift, give voice, and empower historically marginalized people, recognizing that those most impacted by the root causes of inequity are best positioned to build lasting, meaningful change. Thank you!

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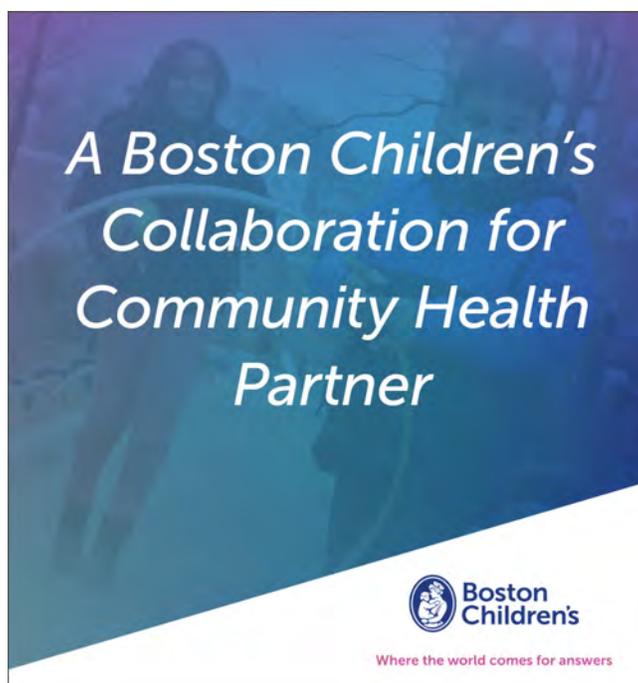
**Fundraising is still open until Saturday, September 30th.**

Our goal is to raise \$175,000 and you can get us over the finish line!



## We're Expanding to Roxbury: Bikes Not Bombs Selected as a Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health Partner

Bikes Not Bombs has been selected as a [Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health](#) funded partner. With the Children's Services of Roxbury, this collaboration will allow us to provide bicycle-based learning programs to **over 200 young people** from under-resourced Boston neighborhoods to build skills, establish healthy habits, advance transportation equity, and develop a passion for cycling in safe, supported, trauma-sensitive environments. This collaboration will also allow us to establish a youth-led repair shop to serve **over 1,500 Greater Roxbury residents**.



Through 2024, Bikes Not Bombs seeks to achieve two primary objectives:

- Goal 1: Provide trauma-sensitive, bicycle-based learning programs to youth.
  - BNB will graduate **200 youth graduates** from Bike School. Youth will learn bike mechanics, practice urban riding, participate in therapeutic activities, and refurbish bikes to keep.
  - Employ **10 youth in paid youth apprenticeships**. Youth will master bike mechanics, build workplace and leadership skills, organize for transportation equity, and set post-secondary goals.
  - Provide youth with trauma-focused, therapeutic support.
- Goal 2: Increase access to services that support bicycle infrastructure and culture in underserved communities.
  - Serve **1,500 Greater Roxbury residents** through a youth-led repair shop.

- Engage new local residents in monthly Ride for Black Lives.

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“We are truly honored to be selected as a Boston Children’s Collaboration for Community Health partner because it provides us with the capacity to bring our programs and services to people who need them most. Currently there are no bike shops in Roxbury, a critical resource for any cyclist to **survive and thrive**. By expanding our physical presence to Roxbury, we will make significant progress on achieving our 2021-2025 strategic goals, particularly in the areas of:

- Goal 1: Racial Equity;
- Goal 3: Mission Effectiveness & Program Expansion; and
- Goal 5: Community Engagement

With this innovative Collaboration for Community Health, we not only broaden our reach, but we will also be able to directly improve the health and well-being of the children and families we serve.”



Executive Director  
Bikes Not Bombs

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## Save the Date(s): Join Bikes Not Bombs at the Building Momentum Breakfast!



Please mark your calendars for the 11th Annual **Building Momentum Breakfast!** This year, the event will be held at our very own Bikes Not Bombs Hub & Bike Shop at [284 Amory Street](#) in Jamaica Plain. There will be two separate offerings -- attendees may choose between two dates: 10:00 AM on November 6th, or 10:00 AM on November 13th.

More information will be provided on our website as soon as it is available. **Please email Angela Phinney, Director of Development at [angela@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:angela@bikesnotbombs.org) to RSVP.**

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## Haven and Thruster Bikes Available Now!



Just in -- we have a number of new Haven and Thruster bicycles available for purchase at our shop. Visit our bike shop or [place an order online](#) today!

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## Latest From our Staff and Board

We are proud to welcome **Sara Lawrence** to the Bikes Not Bombs staff as our Director of People & Culture.



Sara has been involved with Bikes Not Bombs since she was 12 years old and she has been a participant in almost every BNB program. Sara served as the Strategic Planning Chair and Board of Directors Chair in 2021. Some of Sara's favorite work experiences have come from partnering with Boston Public Schools to teach bike mechanics to high school students. Her goal is to build non-traditional pathways to success for the most disadvantaged communities within the City of Boston and beyond.

"This new position allows me to stay connected to the mission of Bikes Not Bombs that I believe in wholeheartedly and I am ever so grateful to have the opportunity to be able to wake up every day doing the work that I love."  
Sara Lawrence

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Please join us in congratulating **Margaret Eichner** as the newly appointed Chair of the Bikes Not Bombs Board of Directors!

Margaret is a Policy Manager with MassHealth's Office of Behavioral Health, helping to redesign access to mental and behavioral health systems in Massachusetts. Previously, she focused on youth development and employment through Americorps service and her graduate studies. She holds a dual MBA in Social Impact and Master of Public Policy. She is also a resident of Jamaica Plain and a short bike ride away from BNB.



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## Volunteer of the Month:

## Marc Steiner

**Marc Steiner** is our Volunteer of the Month. Marc worked tirelessly this month to help Bikes Not Bombs prepare for our 34th Annual Bike-A-Thon. There is a flurry of activity in the week leading up to our annual fundraising ride. Marc just showed up, and at critical times. Then he spent Bike-A-Thon day at 5:30am, staying at the BNB Hub all morning to load all of the trucks headed out to the six rest stops along the routes.

Marc moved to Boston four years ago, and discovered Bikes Not Bombs within a week of moving here. Initially, Marc was looking for a bike, but then he noticed our weekly Volunteer Night on the BNB website, and BNB was his first social experience in Boston. For the past four years, Marc has been a regular at our weekly Volunteer Nights, where he organizes donated bike parts and helps process donated bikes for international shipment.

When Marc is not volunteering at Bikes Not Bombs, he is working as a librarian and archivist, or spending time outdoors with friends. Marc loves the good people at Bikes Not Bombs, and appreciates how BNB supports the local community and does work globally. Thank you, Marc, for the big contribution you are making.

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## Join our Board!



*Board Member Patrick Cutrona (left) with Executive Director Elijah Evans (right) at the 2021 Bike-A-Thon  
Photo by Jose Carlos Barbosa*

Bikes Not Bombs is looking for qualified individuals to join its Board of Directors. We are specifically seeking **members from diverse backgrounds who have experience in: human resources, finance, fundraising, and nonprofit leadership management.**

For more information about the application process, please send an email to Elijah Evans, Executive Director at [elijah@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:elijah@bikesnotbombs.org).

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**Bike Shop & Training Center Hours:**

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm  
Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm  
Thursday: 12pm - 7pm  
Friday: 12pm - 7pm  
Saturday: 11am - 5pm  
Sunday: Closed