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**VOLUNTEERS ASSEMBLE 50 BIKES FOR 50 KIDS**  
***MLK Day offers chance for people to give back, help kids***

On Monday, Jan. 21, 50 teams of community volunteers will assemble 50 bikes for 50 deserving Anchorage youth ages 6-17. Volunteers will meet at Spenard Recreation Center at noon and get to work assembling custom fit trek bicycles for and with the help of the youth receiving the bikes.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated nationwide as a Day of Service – “Make it a Day On, not a Day Off” is the theme. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of Anchorage Parks & Recreation national participation, but the 1<sup>st</sup> year of 50 bikes for 50 kids.

Teams of 3 or more volunteers were assembled from businesses and recreation groups interested in making it a day ON. The volunteer interest has been high every year, with more volunteers than youth in past years, so the Department decided to craft an event focused on volunteering. Every volunteer slot is full.

Businesses and individuals purchased the bikes. Forty-two of the fifty bikes were purchased with a gift from the Alyeska Hotel’s Byrne family.

“We are giving an incredible gift to 50 Anchorage youth – the gift of the world class Anchorage trail system,” said Jeff Dillon, Director of Anchorage Parks and Recreation. “Volunteers and donors have made it possible for these kids to get active, get into our great outdoors, and have fun. This is priceless.”

- Volunteers arrive at noon.
- Participating youth arrive at 12:30pm.
- A program will begin at 4pm after the bikes are assembled, including words from City Manager Mike Abbott, Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Dillon, School Superintendent Carol Comeau, and a dance from the Pride group.

The media is encouraged to attend.

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