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CITY HONORS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: 50 BIKES FOR 50 KIDS

50 Anchorage Youth Receive Bicycles, Helmets and Locks on National Day of Service

In honor of the National Day of Service on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Department will celebrate its second annual **50 Bikes/50 Kids** event from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 at the Spenard Recreation Center.

“50 Bikes/50 Kids is a great way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” said Jeff Dillon, Director of the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department. “We are happy to provide the Anchorage community with meaningful service opportunities and even more excited to reward these deserving youth with their first bicycle.”

50 Bikes/50 Kids is a partnership of the Anchorage Park Foundation, the Parks & Recreation Department and Anchorage businesses and provides the Anchorage Community with meaningful service opportunities and rewards deserving youth with their first bicycle. Many local businesses have sponsored bicycles and also provided volunteers to assemble them.

"Bikes and communities give so many possible opportunities to kids. Be it exercise, transportation, or just the freedom of riding their first bike," said Oscar Avellaneda, Outreach Coordinator with the Off the Chain Bike Co-Op. "I'm stoked that we are working with the Anchorage Park Foundation and Parks & Recreation on this project."

The 50 recipients, between ages 9 and 17, were selected by local agencies serving disadvantaged youth, such as the NAACP, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, UAA Trio Program, Catholic Social Services, ASD Title I Coordinators, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Anchorage. Nomination criteria are based on “The Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.”

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Spenard Recreation Center (2020 W. 48th Avenue)

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Note: Volunteers will assemble bicycles throughout the day, and the first set given away between 12:30 – 1 p.m.

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