



# 2022 Annual Report

A Year of Accomplishments.



The WRENCH  
BE AWESOME. FIX BIKES.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since 2011, the WRENCH has offered bike mechanics and safe cycling education and reduced cost barriers to cycling in Winnipeg. Overall, the WRENCH's programs and activities positively impact the community and the environment by promoting social equity, environmental sustainability, education, health, economic growth, and skill development.

Thanks to a special relationship with the City of Winnipeg the WRENCH is able to divert thousands of discarded bikes from the waste stream. We continue to demonstrate our ability to convert what is otherwise a problematic waste product into a beneficial resource for Winnipeggers. Additionally, when coupled with repair and riding education we are building up skills and confidence. The effect is people will make cycling their first choice for getting around more often. This has very positive and broad community and environmental impact.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported our mission and shared our vision for a more sustainable, inclusive, and bike-friendly Winnipeg. Your support enables us to continue our work and create lasting change in our community.

Together, we are building a brighter, greener, and healthier future for all. We are proud to be a positive force for change and look forward to a productive 2023.

Lucas Stewart  
Director, The WRENCH

# IMPACT

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The WRENCH's activities promote community engagement and empowerment by offering accessible services and events like Open Shop, Summer Sales, Pop-up programs, and Bike Bazaars. These inclusive events allow participants to connect, fostering a sense of belonging.

To improve financial accessibility, the WRENCH offers sliding scale or by-donation services, reducing cost barriers for bike repairs or purchases, and promoting social equity by making cycling accessible to a wider audience.

Environmental stewardship is achieved through bike and part processing, reusing discarded bikes and parts from Winnipeg's 4R sites, reducing waste, and promoting a circular economy for a sustainable environment.

By advocating for cycling as a sustainable transportation mode, the WRENCH fosters education and awareness about carbon emissions and urban design, ultimately contributing to reduced emissions and safer, more connected neighborhoods.

The WRENCH supports health and well-being by encouraging cycling, which offers numerous benefits, such as improved cardiovascular fitness, stress reduction, and enhanced mental well-being. Cycling also strengthens community bonds as a social activity.

Economically, the WRENCH's programs aid local businesses, create job opportunities, and provide skill-building experiences for youth through initiatives like Wheels of Courage and After School Leaders, contributing to a resilient and sustainable community.

Lastly, the WRENCH's programs facilitate skill development in bike repair and maintenance, offering valuable hands-on learning experiences for personal growth or future employment opportunities.

## ACTIVE PROGRAM PARTNERS:

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### SCHOOLS

Cecil Rhodes  
Hugh John MacDonald  
Lavalee  
Victor Mager  
Victor Wyatt  
Stonewall Centennial  
Miskoosepi School  
Arthur E Wright  
Gordon Bell High School  
John & Howard (through Knowles)  
Marymound School  
River East Collegiate  
Brooklands  
Stanley Knowles  
Eagles Circle at Hugh  
John Machonald  
Maples MET  
Luxton School  
Radisson School  
Rene Deleurme Centre  
Niji Mahkwa School

### COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Sunshine House  
West Central Women's Resource Center  
Broadway Neighbourhood Centre  
Ralph Brown Community Centre  
North End Women's Centre  
Momenta  
Mount Carmel Clinic  
Norwest Community Coop  
Spence Neighbourhood Association  
SERDC  
Westgrove Family Centre  
Gilbert Park Boys and Girls Club  
Andrews Street Resource Center  
Adult Education Centre - IRCOM  
Lord Selkirk Resource Centre  
Norquay Community Centre  
The Forks  
The Edge Gallery and Urban Art Centre  
Lord Roberts Community Centre

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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## KEYSTONE SUPPORTER

We're grateful to the City of Winnipeg for providing access to bikes at all the 4R Sites, our space at 1057 Logan and an annual grant!

## FUNDERS

City of Winnipeg  
Richardson Foundation  
The Winnipeg Foundation  
Carolyn Sifton Foundation  
Lount Family Foundation  
Canadian Tire Kickstart  
Province of Manitoba:  
Green Team,  
Building Communities,  
Conservation and Climate Fund,

## EDUCATION FOCUSED

Youth Justice Fund  
Employment and Social  
Development Canada  
Canada Summer Jobs  
Assiniboine Credit Union  
Pollard Family Foundation

## GENERAL COMMUNITY

We're also very grateful to the general community for financial support. Hundreds of people, businesses, and sponsors who make direct donations to support our operations. Thank you!



## **ONGOING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

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### **Bike and Part Processing and Building**

Our bikes and parts are collected from Winnipeg's 4R sites by volunteer and staff mechanics who demanufacture, sort, and build bikes from these reclaimed parts back at our fully stocked shop. This work happens throughout the year to support our suite of education and service programs.

### **Open Shop and Summer Sales**

A weekly service to the public for repairs, parts, and bike purchases. The WRENCH also sells and repairs bikes at our Forks Kiosk in the summer months. Bicycle repairs and used parts are offered by sliding scale/by donation.

The WRENCH sells quality, refurbished bicycles at affordable prices. Customers who buy a bike from The WRENCH not only get a great bike at a great price, but also the knowledge that their purchase supports our mission.

### **Pop-up programs, repairs, and giveaways**

The WRENCH responds regularly to requests for onsite repairs, à la carte programs, and giveaways. We travelled to Ste Rose, Teulon, Bloodvein, and Stonewall in 2022.

### **Empty the Fill**

We performed three Empty the Fills in 2022. These volunteer-run events are held onsite at Brady Road 4R site to accomplish high volumes of bike processing as quickly as possible.

### **Bike Bazaars**

We offered a Bike Bazaar at Orioles CC and another at Ralph Brown CC. Bike Bazaars are events where we distribute bikes free of charge to local organisations and the community members and families they serve.