

# The Recyclery

## 2016 Annual Report

Since 2005, The Recyclery has been promoting cycling and providing access to tools and bike education. The numbers below are just one way to celebrate the story of our success. It is also important to recognize the less-quantifiable effects of the relationships established through the activities of our shop. The Recyclery is a place where neighbors help neighbors. These connections are essential for making Rogers Park and the wider community a safe, sustainable, and exciting place to live.

The Recyclery collective members and staff are committed to the continued growth of our organization. With the goal of improving volunteer and community engagement, we added a Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator to our staff in 2016. The same year, we expanded our youth services by establishing our summer youth internship program. In 2017 The Recyclery will focus on strengthening our partnerships and expanding our educational programs to better serve our community.

Right now Tailwind for Tools, our annual fundraising campaign for shop improvements, is up and running! Please visit [TheRecyclery.org](http://TheRecyclery.org) to contribute online. And join us on Sunday February 12th, 2-8 PM, for our Open House marking the culmination of this year's Tailwind for Tools drive. Would you join us for a day of celebrating and imagining our future together?

Our shop is run on the people-power of our community. You make up The Recyclery! Thank you for volunteering, telling people about the shop, and for participating in our programs.

### Bicycles Repaired and Given Away



158

### Overhaul & Tuneup Class Students



57

## Bicycles Sold



382

## Volunteer Hours



2,750

## Open Shop Sign-ins



2,100

## Youth Interns in 2016



7

## Support Us

-Donating a bicycle will provide practical transportation to a Freecycle recipient or be sold to support our educational programming.

-Help sustain our work with a financial contribution.

-Volunteer or collaborate with The Recyclery.

Volunteer Orientation is a great place to start.

<http://therecyclery.org/support-us/>

## New Volunteers



## Our Partners

### Freecycle Partners:

Chicago Community Bond Fund, Connections for the Homeless, Expanding Lives, Family Matters, Good News Community Church, Heartland Alliance, Housing Opportunities for Women, Howard Area Community Center, Inspiration Corporation, Northside Housing and Support Services, Reba Place Church, RefugeeOne, Thresholds, Trilogy, Youth & Opportunity United, Youth Job Center

### Bike Shops:

Higher Gear, Performance, Johnny Sprockets, Green Machine, Life Cycle, Bucephalus

### Other Partners:

Circles and Ciphers, Centered Studios, Rogers Park Business Alliance, A Just Harvest, Glenview Farmers Market, Working Bikes, Jewish Child and Family Services

### Benefactors

Evanston Bicycle Club, Two West Foundation, Patagonia, The Common Cup

## Events and Activities

### The Recyclery hosted:

- Justice on Wheels
- Kids Bike Sale
- Radical History Bike Tour
- Tailwind for Tools 2016
- Social Friday Movie Night

### The Recyclery participated in:

- Bike To Work Week
- Critical Mass
- Bike the Ridge
- Bike the Drive
- North Shore Century
- Skokie Spring Greening
- T.R.A.I.N.
- Bike!Bike!

## Recyclery Collective Members

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|-------------------|------------------|
| -Paul Estrich     | -Pete Manz       |
| -Matt Ford        | -Jesse Miller    |
| -Louis Knapp      | -Sneha Narayan   |
| -Meg Boyle        | -Tzipora Rhodes  |
| -Miklos Gosztanyi | -Igna Tuinylaite |
| -Froilan Landeros | -Keon Turner     |

The Recyclery is a 501c3 non-profit. All major decisions are made by a quorum of collective members at a twice-a-month meeting. Decisions are made by consensus and the collective is open to anyone willing to put in the time and effort to fulfill collective entry requirements.

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