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## WHEELS FOR KIDS

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*Providing bikes for youth in need since 2007.*

*In memory of  
Arlyn Kinkel*

### Policy Change

Early in Wheels for Kids (WFK) development, there was a scramble for ways to get serviceable bikes to those in need. Providing bikes not only required the donation of a reparable bike, but also the parts and supplies necessary to repair them.

During the early days, it was at times necessary to **sell bikes to raise money for parts and supplies**. Most of these sales were within the Vistoso Cyclists community. The Board then raised an ethical issue concerning the propriety of selling bikes donated to help those in need within our community. We then determined that the sale of bikes was no longer in accordance with our primary mission. The Board of Directors retained the option to sell bikes in the future, but only in very unique situations.

Therefore, Wheels for Kids adopted a policy to no longer sell bikes while retaining the option to reconsider in the future. No bikes have been sold since 2015. The success of our mission is best measured by numbers of bikes delivered. In the period from Apr 2015 to Mar 2018, Wheels for Kids has delivered an additional **1,125** bikes – going from **1425** to **2550** bikes delivered. The number of bikes donated to WFK has dramatically increased, our community presence and visibility has increased and the quality of the bikes donated has improved.

In rare cases, the bikes donated are very high end and quite valuable. Others, such as folding bikes are quite unique. These bikes do not serve the missions of our supported charities. The WFK Board has recognized that selling one of these bikes can generate enough revenue to provide parts & supplies for several or more additional bikes to the charities we support. Accordingly, the Board has decided to proceed with the sale of these bikes under the following guidelines:

1. All sales activity must be completely transparent so that donors and others know the rationale of WFK actions.
2. Bikes will be selected for sale by our Chief of Quality Control and other persons as appointed by the Board.
3. All bikes to be sold will be auctioned using regularly available commercial websites (e.g. Craig's list and Ebay) and also listed on the WFK Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/azwfk>). The highest bid will be selected on a date certain and the bike transfer made. This process should enable WFK to secure the best price available and also ensure that all interested buyers have an equal opportunity to bid for the bike.