

Summer bikes bring cheer to local youth

On April 12, the Office of Community Relations (OCR) gifted bikes and scooters to youth served by the Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF) as part of the “summer bikes” program. This year, nine bikes and five scooters were distributed, with a helmet accompanying each.

Bikes and scooters distributed through “summer bikes” are unclaimed bikes from the Holiday Project workshop, as well as generous donations provided after the holiday season. These items are given to children in the spring to allow youth the most time to use their new bike or scooter.

“We understand that the children and youth in CYF are dealing with a lot. It means so much to be able to provide them with some joy at the holiday season, and we want to spread that out to other parts of the year if we’re able to. Knowing that we’ve put a smile on a child’s face is honestly the best reward, and helping our caseworkers - who do so much - be heroes for a day – well, that’s just pretty great,” said Shelli Luchs, event and donations coordinator.