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SUTTER STREET MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATES DONATE BICYCLES TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE



Keshawn Carlton, Joe Sweeney and Claude Davis deliver bicycles to be given to Catawba County children in foster care. The bicycles were donated by associates of Sutter Street Manufacturing in Claremont.

HICKORY -- Associates of Sutter Street Manufacturing, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. located in Claremont, North Carolina, have donated 65 bicycles to be given to children in foster care this holiday season.

This is the fifth year Sutter Street Manufacturing associates have raised funds to purchase new bicycles that are then donated to Family Builders, the adoption and foster care unit of Catawba County Social Services.

"We appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Sutter Street Manufacturing associates," said John Eller, director of Catawba County Social Services. "These bicycles made many of our children in foster care happy this holiday season."

Family Builders currently has 208 children in foster care. Additional foster parents are urgently needed, especially those who are willing to accept sibling groups. More information about becoming a foster parent is available at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. These meetings are held at the Family Resources Center, located at 3050 11th Ave. Dr. SE,

Hickory, N.C. (behind Catawba Valley Medical Center.) For more information about becoming a foster parent, call 828-695-4553, or go to <http://www.fostercatawba.com>.

Donations are accepted year round for the Foster Children's Fund, which provides for life's "extras," such as school pictures, band instruments, athletic team expenses, and class field trip fees, among other things. To donate to this fund, go to <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/dss> and click on the red "Donate Now" button. Be sure to designate "Foster Children's Expense Fund" from the drop-down menu.

You may also make a donation by writing a check to Catawba County Social Services and writing "Foster Children's Expense Fund" in the memo line. Mail your check to Catawba County Social Services, P.O. Box 669, Newton, NC 28658.

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