GET INVOLVED

As Minneapolis celebrates being one of the top cycling cities in the United States, Twin Cities community members can use our passion for bikes to give back to our community through Full Cycle. Be part of Full Cycle’s vision: to be one of the nation’s most successful social enterprises impacting homeless youth. Learn more about the following engagement opportunities on our website: www.fullcyclebikeshop.org.

Donate a bike, purchase a bike or accessories. Encourage others to do the same.

Contribute a tax-deductible donation. Donate in person at the bike shop, by mail, or through our website.

Volunteer to assist with existing fundraising or supporting events. Help create or host your own fundraising event (bike drives, fundraising parties, or bike rides).

Invest in our social enterprise through your business, corporation, or foundation.

Refer youth to our programs.

WHO WE ARE

Full Cycle is a social enterprise bicycle recycler in South Minneapolis, MN that offers support and connection to unhoused youth. Our youth employment training programs focus on the reduction of waste and redistribution of goods in an effort to support individual and community health.

These combined strategies result in over 1,500 interactions annually with young people experiencing homelessness and facing barriers to independence.

We sell high-quality used bicycles, new parts and accessories to the general public. With this earned income strategy we help fund our programming while exemplifying self-sufficiency.

OUR MISSION

To connect with and support unhoused youth, our community, and our Earth through bikes, business, and relationships.
Dear Friends and Supporters of Full Cycle,

While still managing to throw plenty of challenges our way, 2021 did provide Full Cycle the opportunity to reflect, reassess and try some new things. We felt very grateful to bring back our youth programming and resume offering employment opportunities to youth through our shop and food access training programs. Full Cycle also secured funding to expand youth employment opportunities which allowed us to offer an ongoing one-year Street Outreach Apprenticeship. Our food access program experienced growth with new bikes and a new partnership with Pillsbury Farms and PUC North Market. A fleet of Surly electric cargo bikes allowed our team to distribute fresh produce from urban farms straight to the market. Full Cycle food access programming will be exploring paid partnerships for our services as another way to generate earned income moving forward into the new year.

In 2021 Full Cycle made a strategic decision to suspend our service center in an effort to address a decrease in staffing and resources and allow us to continue to prioritize our services for unhoused youth. Time and energy spent on repair services now shifted to focus on refurbishing and selling more bicycles. This new strategy proved even more successful than anticipated and informed our decision to re-brand as a bicycle recyclery in 2022. As a bicycle recyclery, Full Cycle increases it’s ability to reduce waste and recycle. By redistributing bicycles and food, FC prioritizes individual and community health.

The Full Cycle team and the youth we work with continue to be grateful for the support and generosity of our customers, donors, funders, and volunteers that make it possible for us to show up every day and support our community and take care of each other.

Sincerely,
Matt Tennant
Full Cycle Founder & Director

Thank you to all of our customers, donors, and supporters that have believed in our mission and supported our work over the years!