



## Davison area man plans May 14 bicycle giveaway

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**DAVISON, Michigan** — Josh Sytek says he can't image a kid not having a bike to ride.

"Even though we didn't have everything, I grew up always having a bike to ride," said Sytek, 39, of Davison Township. "It provided the transportation needed to explore all of the innocent wonders that the trails of fields and woods provide."

Sytek hopes to have a thousand bikes to give to kids who don't have their own bike during a five-hour giveaway May 14 in the parking lot of Davison Free Methodist Church, located off Davison Road at 502 Church St.

He is asking people to take full operational bikes, from toddler to adult size, to M-15 and Stanley Roads in Richfield Township between noon and 5 p.m. on April 16, 23, 30 and May 7.

He said Jeff Houston, former Richfield Township supervisor, has agreed to store the bikes until Sytek and his helpers can collect them for the giveaway, which also will be held noon-5 p.m. Sytek asks donors to look for a U-Haul sign at 6505 N. State Rd. for the drop-off.

"With the economic suffering in this area, giving money is not an option for many," said Sytek, employer relationship manager at the [Ross Medical Education Center](#), which has offices in the [Flint](#) area. "We are simply asking for people to give their bicycles that provided them with so much joy to another child that without this generosity will not be able to experience the pleasure of bike riding."

Sytek said he has been thinking about the giveaway since last September but didn't begin to work on the project in earnest until early this year.

"I've been networking with a lot of people," he said, "Mr. Houston was one who was very quick to say yes when I asked him to store the bikes."

He said spring is a good time to hold such an even because people are cleaning out their sheds and garages and could be thinking of what to do with bikes they have stored but are not in use.

"We're asking them to recycle their bikes through us," he said.

Sytek said kids don't have to qualify economically to receive a bike.

The only questions we are going to ask," he said, "is how tall are you, buddy, and what kind of bike would you like?"