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Recognition: REC for Kids and Troy Scott

“Serendipitous” may be a good word to describe the story behind tonight’s board recognition.

However, “generous” certainly describes the individual and the organization that together, are putting smiles on the faces of many students, as well as other children in our community.

The non-profit organization “Recycle Equipment and Cycles”, or simply “REC for Kids”, has been reclaiming, refurbishing and redistributing bikes to underprivileged children and youth for close to a decade. Many schools in our district have helped connect these bikes—as well as sports equipment from REC—with very appreciative students.

Maple Ridge Cycle owner Troy Scott and REC for Kids Society director Ian Legasse.

A few years ago, our district’s Education Services department saw an opportunity for students struggling in mainstream classrooms to be engaged through a bike-tech program. Students not only gain employable skills, they learn responsibility, gain confidence and can have pride in helping less-fortunate kids who receive the bicycles the students have repaired.

REC for Kids was happy to assist with the program and provide the bikes. But, the program needed a professional bicycle technician. Maple Ridge Cycle owner Troy Scott was approached and he has been happily volunteering his time for the last two years to travel to our district on his days off to donate his time instructing and mentoring our students in the bike-tech program.

Hundreds of Surrey kids have received free bikes through this program...and many dozens of our own students have also benefitted in many ways through the generosity of REC for Kids and Troy Scott.

The Surrey Board of Education recognizes REC for Kids and Troy Scott for your generous work in support of students in the Surrey School District.