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Chester's 3rd Bike Rodeo in Eyre Park



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What child doesn't want a bike? As a kid, it was the number one item I wanted to see under the Christmas tree. But, I also wanted to see a white Christmas every year. Needless to say, receiving a bike in October is usually a lot more fun than waiting for a warm day to ride in late December.



Chester's 3rd Bike Rodeo took place this past Saturday in Eyre Park at the soon to be Environmental Center located on the site of the former golf driving range or Chester Central YMCA depending on how old you are. At the Bike Rodeo, youngsters had learn-to-ride lessons, loaner bikes to use around the park, free helmets, free dinner, free t-shirts, and other fun, and a bike raffle where more than 50 bikes were given away (along with bike locks) to families in attendance who qualify for free or reduced school lunch. While I was there, a few dozen families braved the wind as kids circled the walking/biking path after their quick bike safety lesson.



Thanks again Jeannine Fallon Anckaitis, Executive Director, Youth Development for the United Chester Upland Youth Soccer, for bringing the event to Chester to bring smiles to the faces of kids who had a fun afternoon playing outdoor and taking home a bike and helmet they may not have had a chance to own until maybe Christmas. Chances are it will free up Santa to bring other nice goodies instead.



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1. **Jeannine Fallon Anckaitis** says:

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Wow! Very excited about this article – and about the great day we all had. Thanks so much, Stefan, for being there and for all your support!!

PS I know my signature is confusing. Technically I’m executive director of Youth Development United and Chester Upland Youth Soccer. We register kids for after-school soccer, which we run at six locations. Then all the registered kids and their families are invited to our Youth Development United activities like the Bike Rodeo. Hope that helps if anyone ever asks!

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Youth Development United and Chester Upland Youth Soccer are Section 501(c) (3) charitable organizations that provide well-attended after-school and weekend programming including soccer, kung fu, bowling, career discovery, run/walk club and cycling events, among others. The mission: strengthening communities by mentoring youth, engaging families, and promoting healthy living where the vast majority of children qualify for free or reduced school lunches because of their families’ economic hardship. CUYS is a founding member of Chester’s Mentoring Initiative, which brings together over 100 organizations each month to support and uplift the youth of Chester. Contribute to the efforts at <https://cuys.org/donate> or <https://www.youthdevunited.org/donate>

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