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WINDERMERE AGENTS SUPPORT VARIETY CLUB BIKE-A-THON

Windermere agents donate a percentage of every Windermere real estate transaction to the Windermere Foundation, from which grants are awarded to various charities and services in the agents' own communities.

Last Sunday, the Windermere Foundation played a part in a very magical event. Diane Williams of Windermere's Palm Desert San Pablo office has been helping to spread a wondrous kind of joy for some very deserving kids. Williams contributes her time and effort to Variety, the Children's Charity of the Desert where, on December 5, shiny new bicycles were presented to each of 300 fourth graders recognized by their teachers as kids leading by example. A \$3000 contribution from the Windermere Foundation paid for 15 of the bikes. Many more were financed by private and corporate donations throughout the Desert. "We're all helping to give back to these deserving children who have no idea that anyone recognizes their accomplishments," says Williams. "Each \$200 donation pays for the bike, field trips and summer camps for the children, and helps to purchase the vans used for transportation."

Other Windermere agents eagerly contributed to the special event, including Jennie Robinson of Windermere's La Quinta office. She said "One of the most touching things was the wonderful, proud smiles on the faces of the boys and girls as they were presented with their bikes while their families looked on, beaming with pride." Camille Pfeifer of Windermere's Indian Wells Main office was also proud to participate. "As I arrived and saw the long line of children and parents waiting to be recognized, I was touched by the true meaning of this event. These are the children who do what is right because that is the right thing to do."

This year, there were almost 1000 nominations for these inspiring kids who are working to make it in tomorrow's world. Donations enabled Variety to present about a third of them with bicycles; at next year's event, they hope to do even more. And it's not just about the bikes. "The parents of these children also deserve recognition for providing the guidance to their children which enables them to strive and focus on the positive and reject the negative," says Pfeifer. "This is about a community that recognizes those who set a good example. It's about seeing children succeed."

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