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The Halls of Fame

By Michael McCarthy

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AT AN AGE WHEN she should be slowing down, 66 year old Marilyn Price is still getting warmed up. "I don't plan on retiring for a while," says the effervescent Price, buzzing around the tiny office in an old house in downtown San Rafael that serves as the headquarters and Thrift Shop for Trips for Kids (TFK). "This isn't work for me. I never get tired of doing this. It's the idea of not working that I find depressing."

Price's marvelous combination of social work, care for the environment, and promotion of healthy living for kids has won her much acclaim over the years, culminating with induction into the Marin Hall of Fame this year. It's a well-deserved and long overdue recognition for a woman whose endless energy and enthusiasm for children and the outdoors has become a model for other communities all across the country.

How has Price managed to create the TFK legacy? Simple: It comes down to the same philosophy that her program tries to instill in all the children it serves. It's called self-confidence. Give a child the attitude that he or she can fulfill his or her dreams, says Price, and they will. After all, she did it herself.

"It's women like Marilyn Price that we look to honor at the annual Marin Women's Hall of Fame Awards," says Pat Warren of the Marin Women's Commission, which sponsors the celebrations.



PHOTO: MARKHAM JOHNSON

Marilyn and Jason at the Re-Cyclery.

"Marilyn has all the qualities we are looking for, and it's obvious that she has changed many lives. We've honored some well-known names over the last 19 years, like Barbara Boxer and Isabel Allende, but we set out to look for interesting women like Marilyn who change so many lives for the better and espouse the principles of the Hall of Fame."

Those principles are lofty ones; just to be nominated, women must have accomplishments of lasting significance in the Marin community; demonstrate an ability to make others feel empowered to increase and use their own

abilities; and have an eye for social change. Those few selected to the Hall of Fame have a history of risk taking, problem solving, conflict resolution and consensus building.

Price matter of factly explains, "The kids we serve need to learn life lessons—that you need to work hard in order to learn and achieve. Just riding a bike up a hill is hard work for some of these kids. It's a valuable lesson for them. At the top of the hill, I turn around and congratulate them. I say: 'See, I told you could do this.' It's a big accomplishment for many of these kids."

Emphasizing that kids learn from parents and older people around them, Price says, "You have to set yourself up as an example to kids. You have to 'model yourself.' They see older folks doing good things, and they will follow."

" I think the world is changed by every person doing a little bit. I have learned that perseverance, hard work, and staying with your dream do indeed make a difference in the long run. "

—Marilyn Price

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Creating a Fat Tire Passion

FIVE DAYS A WEEK, THE RE-CYCLERY YOUTH drop by our after-school earn-a-bike program in San Rafael's Canal neighborhood. We often wonder what these kids are doing on days the shop is closed. Is Trips for Kids making a difference in their lives? Left to their own sense of adventure, this is what some of the kids are doing:

Nearly every Sunday, TFK teen employees James Perez and Tarci Fabian lead a group of kids on their own mountain bike ride into the nearby hills. They weave their way through the busy streets of town and grind their way up Gold Hill into China Camp State Park. They ride up near the top for a panoramic view of the San Francisco Bay and Mount Tamalpais before heading down some wickedly steep trails. Typically there is a group of three to four 10-13 yrs olds powering their way behind James and Tarci. Outfitted in bikes they have built and cycling jerseys, helmets, camel backs, and tools they have earned, these kids are imposing.

Frequently they bring newcomers, which is impressive if you saw the hill. Sometime there are telltale signs on their arms and legs of the day's trials and triumphs, but imbedded in these marks are stories they light up to tell. James and Tarci explain their adventures with a subtle sense of pride and leadership. This is their team and on each trek, they are the leaders. **Go Team TFK!**

**"I was scared at first,
but I kept trying
and got better."**

**—Jessica, West Contra Costa
Children's Mental Health**

**"I learned
that I'm stronger
than I thought."**

— Khae, Thunder Road

Kids Win Awards

EACH YEAR THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS honors youth who "work selflessly to make their communities and the world around them a better place." Congratulations to the following Re-Cyclery youth who have received this Kids Who Care Award.

Victor Hernandez—2005

Juan Castillo—2003

Joel Segura—2002

It had been a delight watching each of these boys mature and develop new talents through their years at the Re-Cyclery. They have worked hard and deserve this honor. **We are proud of you!**

Japanese Proverb

VOLUNTEER ROCKY CHOI SHARES HIS INSIGHTS from a TFK ride with I Have a Dream Foundation, an organization that empowers children from low-income communities to reach their educational goals:

"After my first mountain biking ride with Trips for Kids, I couldn't help but think of the Japanese proverb: Fall down seven times and get up eight.

Throughout the day, the kids must have fallen more than seven times. But each time they got up and kept on going. Most had come without ever riding a bike on a dirt trail, but they all left as true mountain bikers, with the dust, bumps, and bruises to show it.

Perhaps young Qais, who rode ahead of the pack all day, summed it up the best, "What I learned was that going downhill is really fun, but riding up the hills is tough, man!"

Trail Tales

Quinton Beverly (Gloria B. Davis Preparatory Academy) writes, "We went biking to China Camp State Park. It was so exciting for us. It was exciting because we rode 10 miles on a bike. Thank you for choosing us to go on this trip. I felt like the king of the mountains. The road was rocky and while I was there, I saw a lot of wildlife like a turkey and a lizard. What I think you can do for this trip next time is make the miles shorter. We all want to look forward to doing it again next year."

Eric Boyer (Claire Lilenthal School) says, "I liked riding up and down hills, loved going down, and great hike at lunch. I learned how to shift properly, brake in the wet conditions, the name of those big white birds, the meaning of undertow, and not to eat too much before riding. I experienced watching egrets, saw a mountain lion, and rode through the mud. These trips should be longer!"

Highlights...

Last year, Trips for Kids:

- Led 138 rides for a diverse group of 1283 kids. That adds up to 11,788 Bay Area kids since we began!
- Served 76 different youth service agencies, for an all-time total collaboration with 306 agencies
- Maintained a high percentage of female riders (37%)
- Operated our after-school earn-a-bike program in San Rafael's Canal community five days/week throughout the year with 123 participants
- Taught an 167 mobile earn-a-bike classes for 113 youth at four sites in Marin, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties
- Raised a record 49% of our expenses through our Bike Thrift Shop
- Continued to add new TFK chapters across North America, bringing the total to **48 chapters!**

More Fun Raising Success

SINCEREST THANKS go to everyone who helps make our annual fundraising events a huge success. That includes manufacturers, bike shops, businesses, and over 150 individuals that generously donated their time, goods, and money to:

- 15th Annual Bike Swap and Sale in Mill Valley
 - 8th Annual Brews, Bikes, and Bucks Party at the Broken Drum Brewery in San Rafael. Thanks Noah Ber
- There are more brilliant ways our friends support Trips for Kids. Sincere thanks to everyone for these primo fundraisers:**
- TFK was honored to be a participant and benefactor in the first Tour of California and the Big Sur Ride.
 - Through Dave Weisberg, the Project Management Class at U.C. Berkeley Extension held two charity events for TFK: a Bike-a-Thon at China Camp State Park and a grand graduation party.
 - Party with a Purpose: At their annual get-together, Jack Pezzo and Catherine Blackwell asked their friends to bring bicycle items for a raffle; the proceeds went to TFK.
 - Committed "to get youth outdoors," Melissa McDonald cycled 1000 miles from Seattle to San Francisco to raise money for Trips for Kids and Bay Area Wilderness Training. Impressive!
 - The San Francisco Bay Area Institute of Transportation Engineers sponsored a golf tournament to benefit their student scholarship fund and TFK.
 - The Morgan Stanley/24 Hour Fitness/Specialized Cycling Team held a fun ride, dinner, dancing, and raffle with the money raised going to TFK and other nonprofits to purchase bikes for underserved children.
 - Will Kieckhefer and Nick Dupuis, middle school menschen, conducted a bike drive in their community and donated all the bikes to TFK.
 - Radio Station 107.7 The Bone hosted a TFK benefit at the Sweetwater saloon in Mill Valley.
 - Capital Group Companies, Washington Mutual, ACCO engineered systems, Bank of America, Gap, and Microsoft matched employee's cash donations and/or volunteer hours with community service grants.



PHOTO: GILBERT ROBINSON

Special bikes for special kids.

Special Needs Kids Learn to Ride

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE our newest program: Learn to Ride. Under the guidance of Walt Custer, Trips for Kids is now offering special clinics and camps for kids with a diverse range of disabilities. Using a series of specially designed and extra stable trainer bikes created by Dr. Richard E. Klein, kids learn how to ride conventional two-wheeled bicycles.

Most campers learn to ride within a one-week session, including youth with prosthesis, Down Syndrome, moderate autism, mild cerebral palsy, and developmental delays. With well-tested equipment and training techniques, kids are less fearful, more confident, and more willing to practice—self-esteem soars!

" If we can launch a rocket to the moon, we can certainly get a bike across the floor with any child on it. "

— Dr. Richard E. Klein, retired mechanical engineer from the University of Illinois

Locations & Hours

Re-Cyclery Thrift Shop

610 Fourth Street
San Rafael, CA
(not mailing address, please see below)
415 458-2986
Tues-Fri 12-6
Sat-Sun 10-4

Trips for Kids Marin

Administrative Office
Address and Phone same as Thrift Shop (above)
Mon-Fri 10:30-6

Re-Cyclery Workshop

125 Larkspur St. Suite 119
San Rafael, CA
415 455-8876
Workshop Hours:
Tues-Fri 2-6
Sat 12-6

Mailing Address

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Volunteer Spotlight...

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Special thanks to Markham and Robin for generously donating their time, talents, and materials over the years!

TRIPS FOR KIDS is a volunteer-based organization with over 300 big-hearted souls donating hours of their time each year. We are **deeply grateful** to everyone who helps make Trips for Kids a success. In addition, we are shining our headlamp on two dedicated TFK supporters:

Shaughn Stanley is a familiar face on our rides and at our fundraising events. With a shared love for mountain biking and kids, he's a natural fit with Trips for Kids. "I enjoy encouraging the kids to try their hardest, particularly the ones that may think they can't do it. The reward is the smile and sense of accomplishment you see in the child after the ride. I love being a ride volunteer and plan on doing

rides for as long as TFK will have me." As a new member of the TFK Board of Directors, it looks like Shaughn will be with us for a while.

Although born and raised in Texas, Mill Valley is now his home with wife Polly, 17-year-old son John, and 13-year-old daughter Alex. During office hours he is an accountant for Thomas Weisel Partners, an investment banking and brokerage firm in San Francisco. On his days off, you may find him in Tennessee Valley with a band of TFK kids.

Thank you Chauncey, Shaughn, and the entire team of Trip for Kids volunteers; we couldn't do it without you!



Chauncey DiLaura first learned about Trips for Kids from an article about one of our volunteers in the local newspaper. The description of our activities struck him "as so vital and worthwhile I immediately contacted TFK and volunteered to help on a ride the next week." He has been an active and

great help every since. In addition to his tremendous assistance to our ride leaders, Chauncey lends a hand with our computers and recordkeeping programs.

Professionally, he's a trader who speculates in commodities and financial futures. He lives in Marin with his wife of 26 years, Emily. They have two daughters—Angela who just graduated from college and

Grace who is still in college.

"The aspect that I enjoy most about volunteering at TFK is helping to provide kids with a genuinely unique experience unavailable anywhere else. The direct contact with the kids during the ride and the unequivocal feelings of satisfaction after the ride are powerful inducements to keep volunteering. The TFK experience brings a great deal of vitality and perspective into my daily life."

Volunteer News...

Dan Horndasch, a regular ride volunteer, was transferred to Afghanistan and Pakistan in June for a year's tour of duty in the Army. We send him our best wishes and look forward to his safe return.

David Klinger, long-time volunteer and supporter, passed away in June. Besides going on rides, Dave took care of all our phone wiring and electrical needs for years—a huge job in the early days when we were just setting up our office. We miss him deeply.

Volunteers Welcome

Join our mountain bike rides every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday throughout the year. Odds are you will have as much fun as the kids.

Volunteers are also needed to help with our annual swap and special events, work in the bike shop and office, and assist in our earn-a-bike classes.

Please call **415. 458.2986** or visit www.tripsforkids.org.



Fill out, clip & mail.

YES! I want to get kids outdoors and in the saddle by supporting Trips for Kids! Here's my tax-deductible contribution:

\$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ Other \$ ___

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone (work) _____ Phone (home) _____

E-mail _____

Contribute!

- Directly or through the United Way Community Campaign by specifying TFK as the recipient.
- Double your money through your employer's matching funds program. Encourage your company to add TFK to its recipient list.
- Join eScrip at www.escrip.com and include TFK on your list of favorite charities.

Donate!

Bikes, parts, clothing, and accessories as well as items on our wish list (see page 6). Donations are tax-deductible. Please drop off donations at the Re-Cyclery Thrift Shop: 610 Fourth Street, San Rafael, Tue-Fri 12-6, Sat-Sun 10-6.

Mail to: Trips for Kids Marin, 138 Sunnyside, Mill Valley, CA 94941

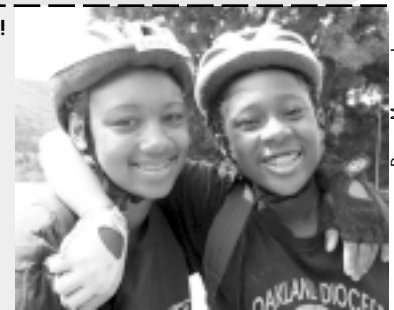


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Bargain Shopping!

Visit our **Re-Cyclery Bike Thrift Shop** at 410 Fourth Street, San Rafael for some of the best cycling bargains in the Bay Area. Your purchases help the kids, community, and environment. Brilliant!

- Great deals on new and used bikes for kids and adults
- Bike parts and accessories you can't find anywhere else
- Cycling clothes and shoes at low prices

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

TFK is doing our part to save the earth. This year we hope to surpass last year's achievements of:

- Selling over 800 previously unwanted bikes to new and grateful owners
- Accepting \$393,092 worth of donated items that will find a new home through the Re-Cyclery
- Distributing over 200 bikes, as well as parts and accessories to other nonprofit biking programs. These donations were worth \$9,900.

Please join us in following the principles of **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle in everything we do!**

Mission Statement

Trips for Kids® Marin is a San Francisco Bay Area non-profit that provides mountain bike outings and environmental education for kids that would not otherwise be exposed to these types of activities. Our goal is to combine lessons in personal responsibility, achievement, and environmental awareness through development of practical skills and the simple act of having fun. The **Trips for Kids Re-Cyclery** program focuses on recycling used bikes and bike parts through its thrift shop and provides skills and job-training programs for youth. These recycled bikes provide safe, environmentally friendly, and affordable transportation for both children and adults.

Employee Profile:

We are proud of our talented staff and want you to meet them. They love kids, bikes, and the environment; they walk the talk. This year we pay tribute to an employee with a longtime commitment to TFK.

Jonathan Levaggi Does it All

THE FIFTEEN-YEAR CONNECTION with TFK has crept up on Jonathan—a sign he's in the right place and having fun. It was 1991 and during law school that Jonathan began volunteering once a month on our mountain bike rides. He recalls the payoff at the end of the each outing, when the kids talked about how much fun they had. One boy piped up, "I wish everyone could have a friend like Jonathan." The hook was set.

Gradually he started working on our bike swap and building bikes in the shop, before long Jonathan was hired as a part-time instructor for the earn-a-bike classes. By 2001, he was invited to join the staff full-time. Today he does it all—manage the thrift shop, coordinate volunteers, and fill in as an earn-a-bike instructor.

Jonathan is a native San Franciscan and graduate of St. Ignatius College Preparatory. He earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Menlo College which prepared him for his tenure in the wine business. There he did it all, from wine clerk, sales, marketing, and, well, tasting. After thirteen years, he moved on to John Kennedy School of Law, where he graduated in 1995. He soon returned to the food and wine business, balancing restaurant work with his time at TFK, a juggling act he continues today. While you will find Jonathan at TFK six days a week, you will also find him working at Isa's Restaurant in SF in the evening.

Working 60 hours a week leaves little time for extras, but when he gets the chance he's on his motorcycle for a long journey on the dirt roads of Copper Canyon or to the tip of Baja.

Jonathan's high energy level, comfortable people skills, and legal background are true assets for TFK. In an organization our size, it helps to wear many hats and Jonathan wears them well.



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Staff...

TFK Staff

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Marilyn Price

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Tarcisio Fabian
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Victor Hernandez
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" Give a child the attitude that he or she can fulfill his or her dreams, and they will. "

—Marilyn Price

Thanks...

Wish List

Trips for Kids needs the following items. Call our office at 415.458.2986, if you can donate any of these items. You'll receive our perpetual gratitude and a tax write-off.

Bikes and bike-related items!
Answering machine (voicemail type)
Backpacks & Dufflebags
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PC Desktops:
Pentium IV (or better)
PC Laptops: Pentium IV (or better)
Laser Printer
PC Scanner
PC Zip Drive (USB only) & Zip Disks
Desktop Copier
Digital Camera
Extension Ladder (20+ feet)
Folding Tables
Industrial Rubber Mats for bike mechanic area
Notebook AC/DC Adapter (to cars)
Postal Scale
Passenger or Cargo Van
Plastic Bins (15"W x 21"L x 10"H & other sizes)
Price Guns
Push & Household Brooms
Rags
Rolling Clothes Rack
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Shop Vacuum

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Some of our BEST corporate giving begins with our volunteers. An increasing number of companies are encouraging community involvement and volunteerism among their employees. Frequently companies match employee community service with cash grants. Sometimes employee involvement allows Trips for Kids to apply for grants we would not be eligible for otherwise. Please check to see if you can open the door for TFK to serve the charitable goals of your company.

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Awards and Media Attention

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 Director Marilyn Price inducted 2006

Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award
 to Marilyn Price,
 Marin County Human Rights Commission
 January 2004

Hanna Creighton Environmental Justice Award
 Sierra Club Marin Group
 October 2003

Ranger Rick Magazine
 Four-page article on Trips for Kids
 May 2002

Hero Award
 Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association
 January 2002

Daily Points of Light Award
 June 2001

Mountain Bike Magazine recognized Marilyn Price as one of the "Most Significant People" in Mountain Bike History
 March 2000

Bike Magazine includes Marilyn Price in "25 Most Important Women in Mountain Biking"
 April 1997

NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, Special Segment on "Schwarzkopf's America"
 August 1996

Mountain Bike Hall of Fame
 Director Marilyn Price inducted 1996

Sports Illustrated "To Reach New Heights"
 September 1995

National News...

TFK Across North America!

There are 48 chapters in the following United States and Canadian territories:

United States

Arizona
California (5)
Colorado
Georgia
Illinois
Kansas
Kentucky
Massachusetts (6)
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
New Mexico (3)
New York (2)
North Carolina (2)
Pennsylvania (4)
South Carolina
Tennessee (2)
Texas (2)
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
Washington, D.C.
West Virginia
Canada
Alberta
British Columbia (2)
Saskatchewan



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Chapters Divide and Multiply

With the formation of Trips for Kids National in 1999, the number of youth we are taking on mountain bike adventures is jumping exponentially. At the time of printing, there are 48 Trips for Kids chapters across North America with more in the pipeline. Together, these chapters reach over 5,400 underserved kids each year.

In seven years, our chapters have made incredible and inspiring accomplishments. Local communities are embracing the TFK model and offering vital support: volunteers, donations of equipment and facilities, money, access to awesome trails, and of course the magical ingredient—KIDS!

The path to forming a chapter is as unique as the chapters themselves. There is an exciting trend of chapters breeding new chapters:

TFK Metro D.C. has expanded across the Beltway with two new satellite chapters—one in Prince George's County, MD, and another in Quantico, Virginia. Both these programs are providing the same solid exercise, nutrition, and

environmental awareness programs that have successfully served DC kids for several years.

Our alliance with the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Crops (RFK) in Massachusetts is growing. What started as a single chapter at a residential facility in Lancaster has expanded into two more chapters in Holyoke (TFK RFK West, there's a mouthful) and South Yarmouth, MA (TFK Mattacheese.) For at-risk kids in RFK treatment programs and residential facilities, TFK rides allow kids to enjoy the outdoors and improve their self-esteem, lessons that are linked to the classroom.

Then there are the Chapter Directors that move and set up programs in their new community: Rick McFerran started TFK Twin Cities, MN five years ago. When he moved to Calgary at the end of 2005, he started a chapter there. The success that continues in Twin Cities is being repeated in Calgary.

For an up-to-date listing of our chapters, visit www.tripsforkids.org.

" In a time of anxiety and danger, and in the midst of global problems whose enormity can be overwhelming indeed, philanthropy—the love of mankind—is an antidote. We invite you to help others as they introduce young people to mountain biking and healthy living. "

—Barbara Harmon, Harmon Family Foundation, TFK Metro DC



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" Since we began 18 years ago, we have served over 30,000 disadvantaged youth across North America! "

—Alan Kay, TFK President



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