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## **Bike Lady' To Give Gift Of Two-Wheeled Freedom To Foster Children**

**VIDEO:** <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2012/11/22/columbus-woman-wants-to-donate-bikes-to-foster-children.html>

COLUMBUS, Ohio - On the day when we are thankful for all our blessings, one mother plans to provide the blessing of freedom to foster kids in the form of two wheels.

The Bike Lady will expand her Christmas giveaway this year, to help children in seven counties.

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The bikes will be Christmas presents for foster children, organized by Kate Gatch, also known as the Bike Lady. "They can't jump on a trampoline, they can't get a driver's license," Gatch said. "They can't go on an overnight unless their caregiver goes with them. But one thing they're allowed to do, just like any other kids, is ride a bike."

This is the fifth year that Gatch has gathered bikes for gifts, but the first time inmates have been involved. They have also raised \$3,500 to help.

Gatch said that Huffy agreed to sell her the bikes at half price, if she would take them in pieces. The inmates volunteered to assemble them.

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