## **Bike Collection**

September 13, 2014

9AM to 1PM

"Paul's Car Wash"

## Main Street, Fairfax, VT



The "Knights of Columbus" and the "Green Mountain Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (GMRPCV)" along with other sponsors is collecting bicycles for "Pedals for Progress", <u>www.p4p.org</u>. Used and unwanted bicycles in reasonable conditions are being collected to ship to poor and needy people in third world countries. We ask for a \$10 donation with each bike. We are also looking for donations of sewing machines in working condition.



"Pedals for Progress (P4P)" is a non-profit organization which was started by a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer in 1991. Bikes and sewing machines are collected and shipped to poor and needy people in third world countries such as Costa Rica, Ghana, Nicaragua, Uganda,

etc.



## How Can You Help?

- Donate a bike or sewing machine. We ask for a \$10 donation with each bike or sewing machine to help defray the cost of shipping.
- Spread the word! Let your colleagues, friends & family know about the collection.
- Volunteer to collect bikes locally, that you can later bring to the collection on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- No bike or sewing machine donate, consider making a monetary donation.



Since 1991 "Pedals for Progress" has collected and shipped over 130,000 bikes. Locally, GMRPCV's has collected over 3000 bikes and 50 sewing machines.





Millions of bicycles in good condition are just sitting around and collecting dust in garages across the United States. Ultimately, these bikes bring absolutely no resale value and are destined for a landfill or scrap heap. In third world countries, these bikes are cherished as a valuable asset that can dramatically improve people's quality of life.



Bicycles are an appropriate technology that can provide affordable, non-polluting transportation to help farmers get their crops to market, to help students and teachers greater access to regional schools, and help doctors reach patients in remote villages.



An unwanted sewing machine in the United States can be a vital source of income for a struggling family in a third world country.





Please consider contributing to this noble cause and help provide a vital source of transportation and income to those less fortunate than ourselves.



Any questions about the collect or "Pedals for Progress" please call Bob Thompson at (802)881-6629