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**Trips for Kids Detroit Receives a Grant to Help Get Detroit Youth Biking.**

**Dearborn Heights, MI** – Trips for Kids Detroit (TFKD) applied for and won a \$4,000 grant from the DALMAC Fund to use bicycles to build character, self-esteem and environmental awareness among Michigan’s urban youth. Working with Detroit-area youth agencies and schools, Trips for Kids Detroit will begin offering weekly events featuring mountain and road biking to Detroit-area at-risk, urban youth. The DALMAC Fund is supported by proceeds from the annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw bicycle tour (DALMAC) and is administered by the Tri-County Bicycle Association of Lansing, Michigan.

TFKD has been offering periodic adventure trips to different youth agencies since 2002 and has served over 200 children since starting. The kids who participate in TFKD’s events learn about different aspects of the natural world which they may not get to experience in their own neighborhood. As Alicia, age 16, said, "I liked listening in the woods. I could hear the wind, which you can't hear at home." On a recent overnight camping trip, Nick, age 11 exclaimed, “I love learning about the different trees and the forest!”

According to Dave Hurst, TFKD’s Executive Director, "We are very pleased to receive this grant from the DALMAC Fund. This grant will provide us with strong support as we continue to develop our program addressing the physical well-being and environmental education needs of Detroit’s at-risk youth."

Using this grant, TFKD will purchase three new bicycles for use with the kids and will hire a staff member to manage weekly biking programs with Detroit-area youth. Hurst states, “this is a major step forward for us to be able to move from an all volunteer program to having paid staff. We feel this grant is an acknowledgement that we are on the right path, and our program of outdoor adventures is critical for Detroit’s youth.”

Trips for Kids Detroit was founded in 2002 by Dave Hurst, its mission is to use outdoor adventures to build character, self-esteem, teamwork and environmental awareness in Michigan's urban Youth. If you are interested in learning more about Trips for Kids Detroit, please visit them on the web at [www.tripsforkidsdetroit.org](http://www.tripsforkidsdetroit.org), or contact Dave Hurst at 313-850-7851.

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