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Lehigh Wheelmen
Rich Ferrera
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Dear Rich,

Thank you for supporting Carl Zvanut's team LWA with a gift of \$410 for the 2021 Spin-a-Thon!

Thanks to your support, we've raised more than \$95,000 in this year's event, and we are confident we'll reach our \$100,000 goal for bike mentoring in the Lehigh Valley. This was our biggest fundraiser ever, and we are so grateful.

The funds we've raised together will directly support our flagship Earn a Bike program. In Earn a Bike, students spend time with adult mentors learning to completely repair a bike of their own while practicing skills including communication, teamwork, perseverance, and more. Upon completing the program, students earn their refurbished bike and new helmet!

Your support comes at a critical time. Community Bike Works' bike mentoring programs are essential in helping to keep students engaged in hands-on learning while experiencing the physical and mental health benefits of riding. We are also taking steps to expand the reach of our bike mentoring programs. As of this summer, we are offering Earn a Bike to students in Easton and Northampton County, and are now fully engaging students across the entire Lehigh Valley.

Rodner, 16, is a paid youth apprentice at Community Bike Works, where he teaches Earn a Bike classes and supports our Franklin Park bike shop. José also competes on the Lehigh Valley Mountain Bike team and, during the Spin-a-Thon, he participated in a 25-mile ride to support our student riders! **"I liked riding with my friends that day and learning the history of how they built the bridges and trails in Jim Thorpe,"** he told us. **"I love riding because I don't worry about any bad stuff, and I feel like who I really am."**

A bike can change a young person's life. With your support, we will continue to connect students and mentors through these challenging times while teaching life lessons through bicycles.

Thank you!

Rich - many thanks to you and the LWA! We're so grateful Hannah Milagio for your support!

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