



Who are we?

Gateway Tykes on Trykes is your local St.Louis chapter of the National AMBUCS Program. We have been fitting and providing adapted tricycles to the pediatric population (0-21 years old) in the St. Louis area since 2015. Our chapter was originally started by a small group of Physical and Occupational Therapists with a passion for helping children with special needs. All of our members are volunteers. This means that all donations go directly back to the kids we support through this organization.

What do we do?

1. Gateway Tykes on Trykes connects local families and children that would benefit from having an adapted tricycle, to a brand of tricycle called an AmTryke.
2. Our therapists and specially trained members assess the child to find the best size and style of AmTryke. There are many adaptations and accommodations the child might need for safety and positioning that can be added to customize the tricycle.
3. We help the family secure funding for the trike.
4. Once the tricycle is funded, we order it, assemble it, and present it to the family at special giveaway events.

How do we do it?

Due to the customization needed for each tricycle, AmTrykes are not cheap! We encourage families to participate in the fundraising process by connecting them with local programs and foundations that provide grants for AmTrykes. Gateway Tykes on Trykes hosts annual fundraisers and receives donations from local businesses and individuals. Every child we assess is placed on our Wish List. If a family is unable to obtain funding for the AmTryke, our chapter will fund trikes on the Wish List as donations become available. Since all members are volunteers, 100% of raised and donated money goes towards getting a child a trike!

Want more information?

If you're interested in learning more, please contact us at tykesontrykes@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook for updates on events, fundraisers, and giveaways.



Wish List FAQ

1. How can my friends and family donate to my child's AmTryke online?

Online donations can be made via a Pay Pal button on our online Wish List page <http://gatewaytykesontrykes.org/donate>. On the checkout page, click on the question "Are you donating for a specific child?" and type in the recipient's name. *Please note a small percentage of each donation made through Pay Pal will go directly to Pay Pal to pay for their service. If at all possible, please have friends and family make checks out to Gateway Tykes on Trykes to ensure every penny goes to your / your child's tricycle.

2. How are the Wish List funds distributed?

Those who have been on the list the longest will be the first recipients of funds raised by the chapter. As one can imagine, our Wish List program is becoming a popular one, thus we frequently have many future riders awaiting an AmTryke®. To decrease the amount of time any one rider must wait we encourage families to be active fundraisers. We pledge to work with every family who requests assistance with raising funds.

3. What if my family is unable to actively fundraise?

We understand that not everyone will be able to actively raise funds. Our priority remains with those who have been waiting the longest for his or her AmTryke®. If possible, we encourage all our Wish List families to participate in fundraisers we host throughout the year.

4. Can we receive a discount since we are attempting to completely fund the trike through personal funds?

Unfortunately, at this time we are unable to give an additional discount. Simply by purchasing your trike through our non-profit, you are receiving a substantial discount of at least a couple hundred dollars from the retail price. Due to the nature of our organization and the need within our community, every penny we raise is immediately delegated to the next trike on our wishlist. Because of this setup, we do not have extra funds set aside to assist with partial purchases.



5. How can I get involved in this organization?

You can get involved with Gateway Tykes on Trykes through many different modes. The most straightforward involvement is to become a member. Membership dues are \$50 per year (\$40 for active students) in order to cover insurance and paperwork involved in participation.

You can also become involved either personally or through your company/organization by assisting or hosting fundraisers and events or through monetary donations. This kind of involvement is immensely helpful and vital to our organization. Without outside funding and resources we would not be able to make our mission a reality.

You can spread the word of our organization and any upcoming fundraisers to friends/family/colleagues to help us gain a bigger presence in our community.

You can volunteer your time at our events. We are always needing willing occupational and physical therapists to help with fitting events; mechanically minded individuals for trike build days; and well organized people for our fundraisers.

6. My company would like to make a donation/volunteer space and time, how do we go about doing this?

Contact us! We can make this happen in nearly any capacity you are offering.

- Provide space for temporary storage; bike build days; fitting events; fundraisers; bike presentations
- Consent to/allow labor of staff to assist in bike builds; fundraisers; presentations
- Perform internal fundraisers/matching of funds.
- Assist our organization through your company- advertising, design, accounting, etc.
- Donation of materials to promote our organization or fundraising events

Other questions? Feel free to Contact us at any of the below options:

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