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**The 1000 Bikes Foundation Partners with United Friends of the Children to Give Bikes to Foster Youth in Los Angeles**

(Los Angeles, CA- May 22, 2010)- The 1000 Bikes Foundation partnered with United Friends of the Children (UFC) to give its first set of bikes to foster youth. The bikes, a Boys Viper BMX Bike and a girls Jetta 20" Girls Cruiser, were raffled off on May 22, 2010 at the UFC "Talking Tough" event held at the University of Southern California (USC). Bikes, helmets and locks were picked up at 1000 Bikes partner location and sponsor Palms Cycle located at 3770 Motor Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90034 (310) 838-9644.

Bike winners included Trina Rodriguez and Jamill Sallie who were beyond ecstatic. "Right when I received that bike I had to jump on and go around my block with it. I haven't ridden a bike since elementary years, and being able to gain that experience is wonderful. I forgot how fun and convenient bikes can be, especially when you have everyone eyeing your "cool ass" bike. I would love to share this with someone else, and I have some people who would love to receive and would appreciate a new bike. Thank you so much for the one I have received, I am having so much fun with it, yet being safe and careful at the same time!" exclaimed Trina, 1000 Bikes first bike recipient.

The next 1000 Bikes foster youth give away will be held in June 2010. To qualify youth must be a current or recent ward of the court, between the ages of 4 to 18, participate in four 1000 Bikes foundation events during the first year (1 per quarter), and volunteer at two non-riding events. Referrals from agencies and partnerships like UFC that will qualify students based on scholastics achievement, honor roll, perfect attendance, community service, etc.

**About the 1000 Bikes Foundation:**

The 1000 Bikes Foundation is a not-for-profit organization which is dedicated to putting a bike in the hands of 1000 foster youth and their families in communities across the United States. The 1000 Bikes Foundation is more than just a charity; it is a movement that creates a 1000 bike tread-mark in every city it rides through. Through the giving of equipment, education and demonstration projects, 1000 Bikes promotes the use of bicycles to foster youth and their families as a way of looking beyond their current situation, facilitating family bonding and encouraging healthier lifestyles.

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