



**Adaptive Trykes for Amazing People!**



Any Day, Every Year

To anyone who believes in helping others,

There are some things that everyone can believe in. In the American Business Club, we believe the fun and freedom of riding your own bike is something *everyone* should have the opportunity to enjoy. People who are unable to operate a traditional bike can now share this experience, thanks to the Amtryke therapeutic tricycle.

These specially engineered tricycles are designed to accommodate riders of all ages and a myriad of physical and/or developmental challenges. The Springfield chapter of the American Business Club (AMBUCS) *gives away* dozens of Amtrykes to area children and veterans each year.

Please help us to give more!

Sincerely,

Members of the American  
Business Club of Springfield

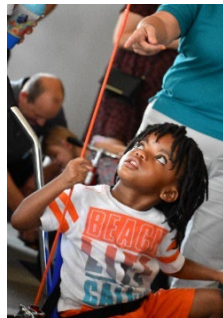






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The Amtryke Therapeutic Tricycle Program is about abilities, not disabilities. Our goal is to provide people with disabilities with all the classic benefits of riding a bike: mobility, strength, exercise, coordination, interaction with family and friends, and just pure fun!



Amtryke makes foot trykes, hand trykes, and hand & foot trykes in a wide range of sizes—from toddler trykes to our new adult trykes for veterans—and with hundreds of attachments and adaptations so that nearly every rider can be successful, no matter their diagnosis. There is nothing like seeing a new rider “pedal” off under their own power for the first time.



To get deserving individuals their own Amtryke, physical therapists “prescribe” the specific Amtryke model and needed attachments and then members of the American Business Club order, pay for, build, deliver, and fit the Amtryke to the rider.

“When we first saw an AmTryke, we didn’t know what it was or what it was used for and we didn’t know Zoe could ride. We found out and yes, she can! Thank you Ambucs for all the work you do for the special people in our community.”



The American Business Club of Springfield (ABC) is first and foremost a social club, formed in 1925 to “foster fellowship and cooperation among its members.”

As the local chapter of AMBUCS, ABC members take an interest in the public welfare and serve the Springfield community and society in general.

Our charitable activities predominantly benefit physically or economically challenged children in the Springfield area.

**Fast Facts**

- ABC was chartered in Springfield in 1925
- The Club has over 250 members and is the largest chapter of AMBUCS in the country
- Our primary fundraising activities take place at the Illinois State Fair, where ABC members have served concessions since 1954 and managed admissions and parking since 2004

**And, best of all,**

- ABC has contributed nearly \$3 million to local charities since its founding







The American Business Club of Springfield has been providing AmTrykes to area youth since 2004. In just the last seven years, the Club has given **nearly 500 Amtrykes** to children and veterans with special needs—an investment of over **\$250,000**. It is a big part of our mission and a big reason why we do what we do.

A major contributor to our ability to deliver these trykes and fit them specifically to each rider has been our custom crafted Amtryke Trailer, originally purchased in 2004. Designed by local Club member, Past National President, and ardent Amtryke supporter, Dean Jackson, the trailer houses a myriad of adaptations, safety gear, tools, and parts which allowed the lucky Amtrucks delivering Amtrykes to ensure that each recipient can start riding right away. Since its creation, the ABC Amtryke Trailer has supported dozens of Amtryke giveaways, made annual appearances at the Illinois State Fair and other community events, and travelled from Ohio to Colorado to share the message of mobility and independence that comes with riding an Amtryke. An all-new version of the ABC Amtryke Trailer was purchased in 2018 and it can be seen all over Springfield and the surrounding area, not just at Amtryke Giveaways, but at Food Drives, Charity Outings, Community Events, and at the locations of our supporters .



To support our ongoing commitment to Amtrykes, ABC is renewing its Amtryke Trailer. We'll be rewrapping the outside with all new graphics and restoring the interior to better prepare us to deliver new Amtrykes—and the smiles that come with them—for years.



We'd like to add your logo to the side and, more importantly, your support to this program

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**Inspiring Mobility and Independence**

## Support the ABC Amtryke Program

Your donation/contribution will help the American Business Club continue its mission of Inspiring Mobility and Independence by providing Amtrykes to deserving local children and veterans.

In appreciation for your support, ABC will include your organization's name or logo on our Amtryke Trailer for the next **FOUR** years, when we plan to update the trailer again. Help us help others with donations at or above the following levels.

### TRAILER SIDES

#### PLATINUM SPONSORS

**\$10,000**

#### GOLD SPONSORS -\$7500

#### SILVER SPONSORS -\$5000

#### BRONZE SPONSORS -\$2500

### REAR DOOR OF TRAILER

#### DIAMOND DONORS -\$1000

#### FRIEND DONORS-\$250

### FRONT (NOSE) OF TRAILER

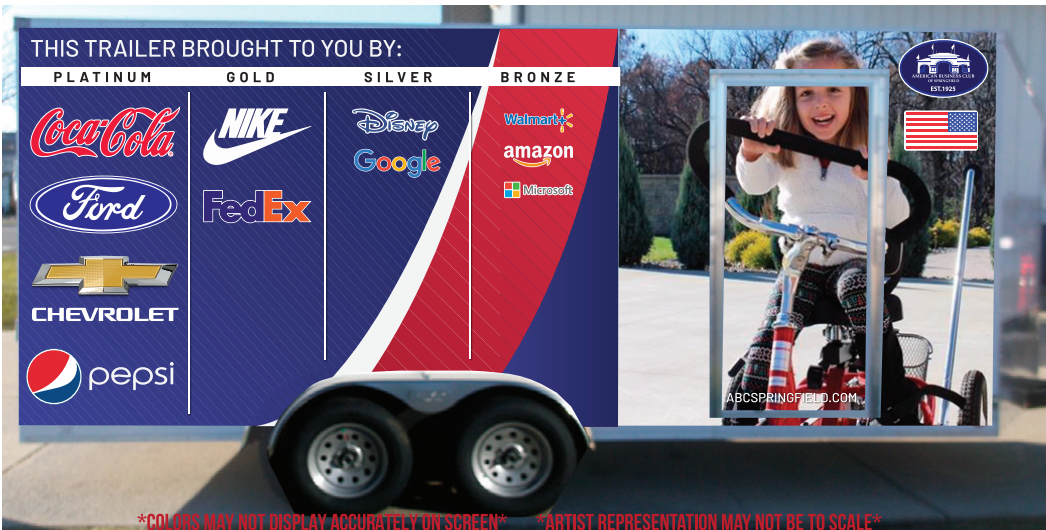
#### DEAN JACKSON

#### LEGACY DONORS-\$150

Platinum Sponsors will enjoy premium placement of their logo on all 3 sides of the Trailer—plus have flags with their message displayed at all Amtryke events. Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors will be recognized at their level of donation on both side panels of



To learn more about ABC, visit [www.abcspringfield.com](http://www.abcspringfield.com) or find us on Facebook as American Business Club of Springfield



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ABC CLUB

SCOPE OF WORK

TEARDROP SPONSOR FLAG



**BLEED AREA - 41.6"W x 165.8"H**

NOT VISIBLE WHEN DISPLAYED

**FINISHED AREA - 41.1"W x 164"H**

VISIBLE WHEN DISPLAYED

**SAFE AREA - 39"W x 156.5"H**

KEEP IMPORTANT TEXT/LOGOS WITHIN THIS AREA

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# We Didn't Know Zoe Could Ride

BY KEVIN LUST



Zoe went to her therapist's one day for a routine visit and came out with a new hobby. After trying out a unique specialized tricycle, called an AmTryke, provided by the American Business Club of Springfield (ABC), Zoe discovered she could ride a bike on her own. With that new discovery came a new freedom and the ability to experience the same kind of exercise her sister and other kids can enjoy. For Christmas this year, ABC invited Santa Claus to Capitol City Music to present 13 AmTrykes to some special children and deserving adults.

The American Business Club of Springfield, which is the local chapter of Ambucs, introduced AmTrykes to the area over 15 years ago. Springfield Ambuc and Past National President Dean Jackson brought the concept of providing AmTrykes to the Springfield membership in the early 2000s. Jackson, who passed away in 2010, was on the national board of Ambucs and witnessed the dramatic impact these new bikes were having on children in a few locations around the country. He knew it was an impact that he wanted children in Springfield to feel as well. He became the club's first local master builder, expert fitter, and all-around AmTryke champion.

His wife, Susie, also an ABC member, remembers when she was hooked. On a visit with Dean to a giveaway in Pennsylvania, one little boy stood out for his enormous, continuous grin as

he happily pedaled his new bike around the room. His mother was sobbing noticeably and, when Susie went to her, the young woman said, "You don't understand. He is severely autistic and he is five and I have never seen him smile before today." Susie still tears up in sharing the story years later, as often do those listening, and she adds that it is not hard to support a program that produces those kinds of results.

The local chapter got behind Dean and Susie's efforts strongly enough that they began conducting regular giveaways which have resulted in the donation of over 360 AmTrykes in the area since 2010 alone. AmTrykes are paid for through ABC's fundraising efforts at the Illinois State Fair, where the Club also gives away a number of 'Trykes every year. Since the presentation at this year's Fair, ABC has donated 25 new AmTrykes to happy children and grateful veterans at three separate events.

In 2003, the Club purchased a trailer to use in transporting, outfitting, repairing, and marketing AmTrykes. They recently upgraded and stocked a brand new trailer at an investment exceeding \$13,000 to better accommodate their display of the hundreds of specialty attachments that make AmTrykes work for children with a wide variety of needs. The Club donated its original trailer to a new Ambucs chapter in Soudard started in part by the Jacksons' son, Luke.

Club member Brian McLean chairs the local club's AmTryke Committee today and he agrees that few things match "seeing the smile and excitement on a child's face" when they take off for their first ride. "Sometimes, we lift a child off of their wheelchair to put them on their 'Tryke. It's amazing to see them take off on their own power. You can tell that, in that moment, they feel the same as anyone else who rides a bike." McLean has been actively involved with ABC's AmTryke program since 2009, when his business partner Chris Oury, who was committee chair at the time, inspired him to participate. McLean has chaired the committee since 2016. "The real credit goes to our entire committee," he says. "There are a lot of moving parts leading up to actually putting a child on a 'Tryke and that awesome group of volunteers makes it happen!" To build the AmTrykes given away in December, over 35 ABC volunteers spent most of a Saturday morning building and tailoring each AmTryke to the exact specifications of the recipients. McLean estimates that, apart from club-wide build days, he and committee members each invest over 10 hours a month in finding candidates for AmTrykes, designing individuals' bikes with their therapists' help, and in organizing the giveaways.

ABC members agree that each AmTryke they donate gives them a new story. Zoe's AmTryke story continues every chance she gets to be outside to ride.







*Zoe settles in on her new AmTryke for the first time.*



*Zoe gets set up on her new AmTryke*



*Evalyn looks thrilled with her new ride*



*AmTrykes are specially engineered from hundreds of possible accessories to adapt to the needs of each child.*



*Tanner dressed for the occasion*



*Santa looks on as Evalyn pedals off under her own power*



*Smiles like Theo's were on display all morning at the ABC AmTryke giveaway*