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Limitless Cycling Recipient of \$15,000 Grant to Enhance Community Well-Being

[STILLWATER, Dec 08, 2021] – The Stillwater Area Community Foundation’s (SACF) 2021 Fall Grant focused on mental and physical health, and the well-being of local communities in the wake of pandemic-related hardships.

The recipient of this year’s \$15,000 Fall Grant is River Valley Trails for *Limitless Cycling*. In early summer 2022, *Limitless Cycling* will be implementing a unique model of sharing adaptive bicycles within our communities. Their free service will be available to area senior living facility residents and nonprofit organizations serving veteran and disabled communities.

The Stillwater area offers stunning natural beauty, and an array of bike-friendly trails. Despite this, trail-related opportunities are often out of reach for seniors, disabled veterans, and other less-physically-abled individuals.

Limitless Cycling will utilize the SACF grant dollars for phase one of their project - the purchase of a Van Raam Chat rickshaw bicycle. Trained volunteers will “pilot” the bicycle to provide a social, outdoor experience for 1-2 riders. Their reach will be broadened over the next year with the addition of an enclosed trailer and two more bicycles - a 2-person side-by-side and a ride specifically designed for a wheelchair user.

“A community is made stronger by meaningful interactions among people,” says Matthew Stepaniak, *Limitless Cycling* Co-Founder. “This program will allow volunteers and riders – people of different generations and with different life experiences – to connect through a pleasant, shared, outdoor experience.”

“The Stillwater Area Community Foundation strives to enhance the quality of life for all in the Stillwater area,” notes Erica Oesterreich, SACF board member/fall grant committee chair. “When highly active cyclists and families with young children share the trail with those being assisted to ride, it demonstrates that this is a caring, compassionate, inclusive community.”

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