

TRICYCLE GIVEN TO JOHNSON PARK RESIDENT BY A GROUP OF LOCAL AGENCIES

Visions of a new tricycle kept Johnson Park resident Shiree Hardman awake with anticipation and excitement on a recent Wednesday night.

The next day, she received the tricycle at a regular meeting of Rotary Club of Burney-Fall River.

“It was like Christmas,” Hardman said, describing her excitement and cause for sleeplessness.

Hardman desperately needed personal motorized transportation. Her ability to walk long distances was inhibited by several illnesses. Getting to the grocery store was a challenge.

“2 Wheels 2 Mobility” resolved Hardman’s mobility challenges.

A program of the Burney-Fall River Bicycle Association, individuals without motorized transportation may receive a refurbished bicycle. Applicants are screened by social service partners.

Rotary Club of Burney-Fall River funds the project supplemented with private contributions.

Dr. Henry and Fran Patterson donated three helmets and locks to protect riders and tricycle.

Hardman is the second “2 Wheels 2 Mobility” recipient.

Community Organizer Lisa Barry contacted bicycle association president Bill Campbell about Hardman’s situation. Barry works for Shasta County Health and Human Services Department.

Knowing a tricycle assured Hardman’s stable balance when riding, the two initiated an in-depth internet and personal contact search for a used tricycle. After a fruitless search, leaders decided to purchase a tricycle from project partner Redding Sports, LTD, who generously discounted the cost.

Hardman expressed her thanks to Rotarians and all the partners during the Rotary club meeting. She emphasized the positive impact the tricycle will make in her quality of life.

Shasta County Health Department joins Burney based Tri-County Community Network as a social services partner identifying and screening applicants.

Individuals without a personal transportation who are interested in receiving a bicycle should contact either of the Burney based social service agencies.

CAPTION: Shiree Hardman receives a new tricycle from Burney-Fall River Bicycle Association “2 Wheels 2 Mobility” program. Lisa Barry, left, Community Organizer, Shasta County Health and Human Services and Bill Campbell, right, present Hardman the tricycle during a Rotary Club of Burney Fall River meeting.

“It was like Christmas,” said Shiree Hardman (center) receiving a new tricycle from Burney-Fall River Bicycle Association “2 Wheels 2 Mobility” program. Lisa Barry, left, Community Organizer, Shasta County Health and Human Services Department (Shasta County HHS) suggested Hardman to Bill Campbell, right, association president and Rotarian. Partners include program funder Rotary Club of Burney-Fall River, Redding Sports LTD, Dr. Henry and Fran Patterson, Tri-County Community Network and Shasta County HHS. Redding Sports LTD donated a significant percentage of new tricycle cost. Hardman is the second person to receive new wheels. Contact either social service agency for additional information.