



Recycling Bikes for Kids

Ken Gibson started recycling bicycles in 2011 and has given away over 250 bikes to children in need. Because his grandson was into BMX bike racing, Gibson wanted to help provide bicycles for children who would otherwise go without. “Nothing makes me happier than to make a kid smile,” he said.

Whenever old bicycles are dropped off at Queen City Metal & Recycling, owner Mickey Coffino calls Ken, who picks them up and makes them as good as

new. He finds the children who receive the bikes through schools and agencies such as Belmont Elementary, Winding Springs in Charlotte, Socks program in Belmont, the BCO and other individuals.

Ken Gibson operates out of Belmont, NC. To fuel being able to refurbish and give away the bicycles, he also sells some of them.

Ken is retired military, Army.



Recycling Metal to Recycling Lives

On June 17, 2015 Queen City Metal & Recycling held the first annual Recycling Metal to Recycle Lives fundraiser to benefit the homeless and mentally ill in our community. The event was held at Sugar Creek Brewery with entertainment, Caribbean food and a silent auction. Queen City Metal owner Michelle Coffino recently presented checks from the proceeds to Crisis Assistance Ministry, Charlotte Rescue Mission and Men’s Shelter.

“We are grateful to our sponsors and individuals who helped change the lives of our local community. Each contribution was so appreciated. Thank you, everyone,” said Coffino. We look forward to next year’s event.

