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Pedal Power program benefiting youth in Yankton, Sisseton areas

Pierre, S.D. - The holiday season will be brighter this year for some children in southeastern and northeastern South Dakota, thanks in part to state prison inmates.

The 'Pedal Power from the Pen' program at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield is donating refurbished bicycles to several organizations to distribute to youth in the Yankton area. Approximately 30 bicycles were donated to the KVHT Radio 'Trees for Families' project this week. Another 35 bicycles will be given to the Yankton Police Department today for distribution to kids in that area who don't have or can't afford a bicycle of their own.

Bicycles are also being delivered on December 17th to Sisseton for the Head Start program, Bureau of Indian Affairs and area law enforcement to distribute to underprivileged youth there.

Each year inmates fix up and repaint hundreds of bicycles to be put back into service by kids across the state of South Dakota.

Inmates at Springfield are also making wooden toys for children in the Springfield area and for the Toys for Tots program in Yankton.

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