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Community Bicycle Network: The Best Birthday Gift Would Be a New Home

TORONTO, Ontario – November 26, 2013 – Bicycling in December? Most people put away their bikes long before the winter wind blows snow down the road. For friends of the Community Bicycle Network (CBN), it is time for a party celebrating 20 years of progress. **All bicycle enthusiasts are encouraged to come out to the party to support CBN during their search for a new home.**

The party will take place on Friday December 6, 2013 from 8:00p.m. - 12a.m. The party will be hosted at CBN's current location at 761 Queen Street West. Members, supporters, and alumni will spend the evening looking back at the critical work the organization has done for the city's cyclists over the past two decades. The party will also feature music, door prizes, and other activities. "There will definitely be cake," says CBN's Board Chair, Adrian Currie.

The anniversary comes during a difficult time for CBN, as the non-profit organization will likely find itself homeless before it can gear up for next year's cycling season. The old church at Queen Street West and Euclid Avenue was recently sold to a developer, and with that the organization has had to start looking for a new home. Having a space to implement CBN's programming is central to the organization's mission, but its future remains uncertain.

Nonetheless, the birthday party concludes a successful 20th anniversary season for CBN. It began with an open house in early May, and continued with historical bike tours of Toronto (a joint venture with Heritage Toronto) and the 2nd annual Toronto Vintage Bicycle Show. "We hope the successes we've had this season will bring people out and help us build support for finding a new home in order to continue to serve the city's cyclists," Currie says.

Organizations like CBN represent essential services for Toronto's cycling community, as the city's roads are becoming increasingly unsafe for the both cyclists and pedestrians alike. Just this week a 23 year-old man was struck and killed by a car while cycling, making it the city's 53rd traffic fatality of 2013 - a five-year high.

Since 1993, CBN has been working to make cycling a more accessible form of transportation in Toronto by providing cyclists with the necessary skills and tools to maintain their bicycles. Offering expert repairs, workshops, a DIY space and discounted parts, CBN empowers and educates cyclists, while reducing congestion and the number of bikes going to landfills through sustainable cycling practices

For more information about the party or to support CBN in their search for a new location, please contact Adrian Currie by phone at 416-504-2918 or by email: info@communitybicyclenetwork.org