



Trek Bicycle Store
Santa Rosa, CA

THE RED PELOTON 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY AND FOOD RIDE

As of Friday the 17th just prior to this event's kick off, a quick trip into the Trek Store of Santa Rosa, showed us that we had basically NO FOOD or TOYS yet dropped off for us to deliver!

Wringing of hands, gnashing of teeth, foreheads against a wall somewhere, and a desperate callout to our cycling family in Sonoma County; and we more than met the need!



Our Friends from Team Colavita/Baci and The Trek Store came together to help us gather contributors to meet our Goals of bountiful food for the Redwood Gospel Mission!



Red Peloton Sponsors Shaun Ralston of Sutter Medical Center and local Angel Susan Noble we among the many people arriving with Bags and bags of food and toys!



First we loaded our backpacks, and pockets with the food. The Trek store provided a scale for those competitive souls (not I of course ☺) to see who had the heaviest packs. In a cool twist of irony, the guy who had just had back surgery had the backpack with the biggest load at just under 30 lbs of food, John Ellis of Colavita!



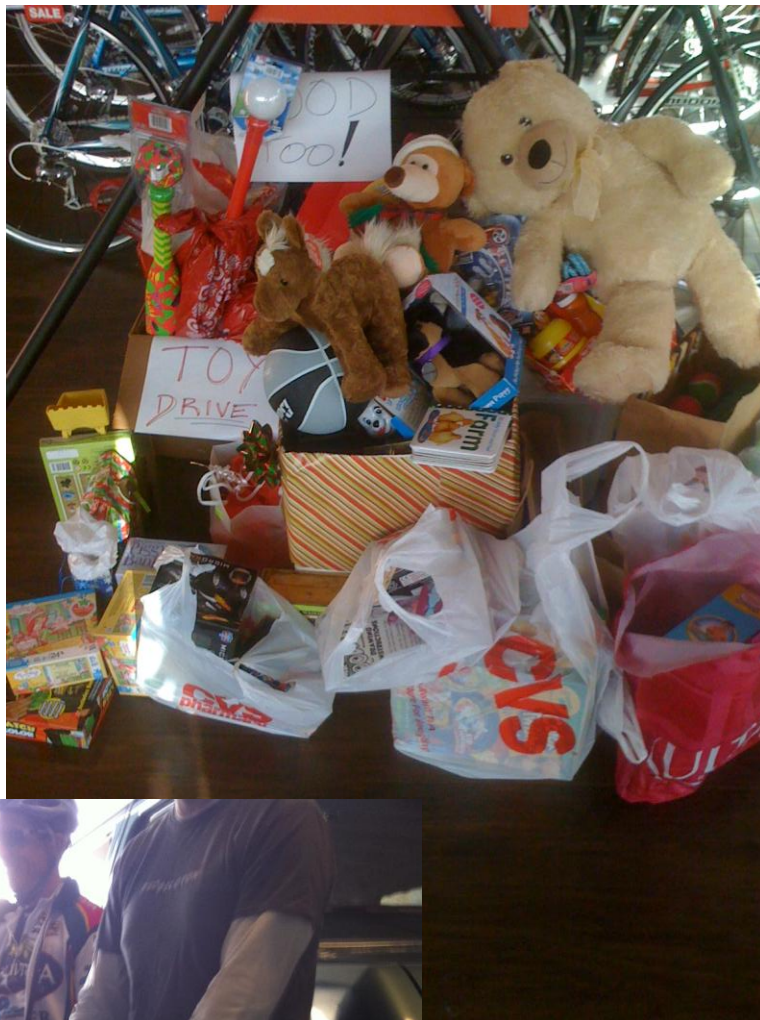
Then off we rode into the freshly sunlight stormy afternoon off to Redwood Gospel Mission. Ken Reid riding with his cool Panniers laden with food giving credence to their namesakes.



Upon Arriving at RGM, we unloaded the goods to a surprised and beaming crew working there. All said we had delivered more than 200 lbs of food for the Needy this Holiday season...very very cool!



Now it was time for the Toys!!! Back to the Trek Store to load up on toys and delivery them to the Santa Rosa Firefighters for their Toys For Kids program.



Javier Sanchez and Adrian Tamblin brought more goodies and their children as well. Great way to show the little ones the deeper spirit that the holidays can have!

Bret Gave of the Trek Store had gone over to the Toy Works and asked them for donations which they graciously handed over to him! Thank you Bret and the Toy Works!! Loading up our packs again with help from our mates we were ready to deliver them.



Off we rode on our Two-wheeled Santa's delivery service to the Fire Dept.



Arriving at the Fire Dept. We were met by Red Peloton's own Keith Flood and the crew on shift. Smiles abounding we made a mess of their spotless station as Toys flew out of pack and into their bins.



All said toy large bins were filled to busting with new toys for children who are less privileged. How wonderful to know these toys will be played with in the hands of youngsters who may not otherwise have much to unwrap this holiday season! !

Another terrific day of spreading the cheer was at its end. This wouldn't have been possible without a lot of giving people taking time out of their lives to chip in!



Many Many thanks to all who helped out: The Trek Store, Team Colavita, The Toy Works, Sutter Medical Center, Canine Companions for Indep., and The Red Peloton. Many Blessing and happy tidings to you all! See you next year!

