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# Tern GSD Giveaway Winners Use E-Bikes to Make a Difference

Five non-profit organizations are using the GSD to get stuff done in their communities



Taipei, Taiwan, November 26, 2019 - Urban mobility specialist Tern is pleased to share the results of the first GSD Giveaway. Tern selected five inspiring non-profit organizations to receive GSDs to help with daily operations.

### **Giving Back**

Every year, Tern gives at least 1% of its net profits to environmental or social causes. This initiative reflects Tern's commitment to supporting individuals and groups that are working towards a better, healthier planet. This year, the initiative had a new twist: by giving away GSDs instead of cash, Tern was able to exceed the 1% benchmark and ideally make an even more impactful contribution.

"Giving GSD's to organizations that are making a meaningful difference in people's lives inspires the entire Tern team," said Josh Hon, Tern Team Captain. "For example, DUO for a JOB specifically works with recent immigrants to help them gain meaningful employment. With so much recent political rhetoric against immigrants, we couldn't help but want to support this organization in the work that they do."

#### The Winners

Each of the five non-profit organizations received one Tern GSD equipped with accessories.

<u>SAMPAS</u>, a <u>Réseau Hépatite C Initiative</u> (Belgium) is a team of mobile medical and social workers offering treatment to current or former drug users infected by the hepatitis C virus. They use the GSD to transport diagnostic equipment and even a portable tent for medical screening sessions. The SAMPAS team says they choose cycling as a mode of transport whenever possible for its convenience and environmental friendliness.



A SAMPAS team member carries a FibroScan diagnostic testing device to a medical screening station in Brussels using a Tern GSD. (Photo courtesy of Réseau Hépatite C)

<u>Replate</u> (USA) is a food recovery tech non-profit that matches and delivers surplus food from businesses or catered events with communities in need, such as soup kitchens, job-training programs, and youth programs. Their GSD helps them perform 15-20 food rescues per week across the San Francisco Bay Area.

The <u>Council on Aging of Central Oregon</u> (USA) offers adults over the age of 60 and their loved ones a range of support services, including delivering meals to home-bound seniors to guard against malnutrition and help reduce social isolation. The organization will use its GSD to start a "Meals on Two Wheels" program, with volunteers delivering meals by bike in and around the tri-county area of Central Oregon.

The Council on Aging is also invested in exploring age-friendly transportation options that serve the needs of older adults. They recently hosted an informational lunch for local seniors to learn about e-bikes and other modes of alternative transportation. Seniors were able to see the GSD in action and even take a test ride.

<u>DUO for a JOB</u> (Belgium) matches young job seekers with an immigrant/refugee background with senior professionals who have experience in related fields and who can accompany and support them in their job search. The organization is using the GSD to transport materials to job fairs and other career-related events in inner-city locations that are often difficult to access by car.



The DUO for a JOB team poses with their Tern GSD. They use the cargo e-bike to transport materials to job fairs and other events. (Photo courtesy of DUO for a JOB)

<u>Le Détour de Pointe Saint-Charles</u> (Canada) is a community-run grocery store that promotes solidarity, cooperation, and environmental actions that diminish food waste. Their GSD has allowed them to extend their reach, delivering groceries and prepared meals to seniors and community members with limited mobility.

The GSD is helping these five organizations carry more cargo, strengthen social bonds, and overcome logistical obstacles—without resorting to adding another car.

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