



**Nine13sports Receives Program Grant from Central Indiana Bicycle Foundation**

**Indianapolis, IN — March 25, 2014** — Nine13sports today announced that the CIBA Foundation has generously awarded them a grant earmarked to fund their Kids Riding Bikes program in Wayne Township’s Garden City Elementary School.

“This is the second CIBA Foundation grant we’ve received,” said Executive Director Tom Hanley. “We feel quite fortunate that the Foundation continues to recognize the value of our school programs. The Foundation’s funding helps to expand the availability of Nine13sports programs throughout more school districts in the Indianapolis area.”

Dolly Craft, President of the CIBA Foundation, commented, "The CIBA Foundation does not typically provide grants to fund program operations, but this grant is evidence of the unique history our Foundation shares with the Garden City Elementary School. Last fall, we were pleased to provide funding for supplies to repair 30 functional bicycles. Now we’ve chosen to fund the opportunity for this school to integrate the Nine13sports’ programs into their physical education.”

“Our help in bringing Nine13sports into Garden City Elementary reinforces our members’ goals to create a positive and impactful bicycle message to the youth of Central Indiana,” noted Craft.

The grant will fund the nationally recognized Nine13sports’ Kids Riding Bikes program to grades 3 through 6 at the Garden City Elementary School during its spring session. It marks the first Nine13sports program to be provided in the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township. Hanley added, “We’re excited to work with the school’s phenomenal physical education teacher, Joni Lawler. Lawler is well known in the district for her incredible passion to get students more active and engaged.”

Nine13sports will provide bicycle simulators as part of its program and work with over 100 students each program day. Its strong program message is based on the concept that bicycles are an excellent tool for students to use for achieving and maintaining healthy activity and fitness throughout life. Additionally, Nine13sports will work closely with the school’s physical education staff to orchestrate other programs that use equipment the school already has in its possession to further their healthy lifestyle message. Programming begins the week of April 7 and will extend through May 9 as part of Garden City Elementary School’s physical education class offerings.

During the spring session, Nine13sports is committed to provide its Kids Riding Bikes program to 6 different facilities per week, doubling the organization’s previous maximum capacity for program offerings. The organization is excited that this highlights the immense growth it has experienced over the past few months.

**About Nine13sports:**

*Nine13sports is a Central Indiana nonprofit organization that promotes health, wellness, and exercise for local youth between the ages of 8 and 18, using bicycling as the gateway. We have created a unique program in which we have integrated the traditional bicycle with technology to provide a turnkey product for youth programs, schools and other community organizations at no cost to them. In addition to individual betterment of health and fitness, our programs promote community, teamwork and mutual respect for one another. Our vision is to use the art and sport of cycling to teach and positively influence our participants and leave a lasting impact. For additional information please visit [www.nine13sports.org](http://www.nine13sports.org) or contact us at [info@nine13sports.org](mailto:info@nine13sports.org).*

**About CIBA Foundation:**

*The CIBA Foundation is a charitable organization formed and supported by the Central Indiana Bicycling Association. CIBA, a bicycle club with nearly 2,000 members, initially funded the Foundation to provide its members and other interested parties with a method for giving back to the cycling community. Find more information at [www.cibafoundation.org](http://www.cibafoundation.org).*

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