

## **Bike & Build to roll through Holyoke next Monday, July 13**

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Thirty young adults with Bike & Build Inc., a national non-profit committed to affordable housing, are bicycling into Holyoke Monday, July 13, on their journey across the United States. The riders will be working on July 16 to help Habitat for Humanity's construction efforts in Fort Collins.

The cyclists left Providence, R.I. June 6 and plan to arrive in San Francisco, Calif. on Aug. 13. Their effort throughout the summer is focused on raising money and awareness for affordable housing causes across the country.

The 18-25 year-old riders see and experience first-hand the affordable housing need in this country. They stop in towns along their route and participate in construction efforts at affordable housing sites that are in progress. The riders also meet with local officials and community members to discuss affordable housing issues.

The group stopping in Holyoke is one of eight cross-country trips Bike & Build offers each summer.

"We are deeply proud that Bike & Build has 250 riders this year who are so committed to the affordable housing cause that they are willing to raise much-needed funds and spend two months of their summer biking across this amazing country," said Bike & Build executive director Rosemary DiRita. "Bike & Build provides the opportunity; it is the riders who make the impact on housing issues through our cycling trips."

The Providence to San Francisco group will be traveling for more than 10 weeks and will help to build affordable housing in nine locations, including Moab, Utah and Sparks, Nev. In order to participate in the trip, each rider raised at least \$4,000 to help fund the trip costs and affordable housing efforts nationwide.