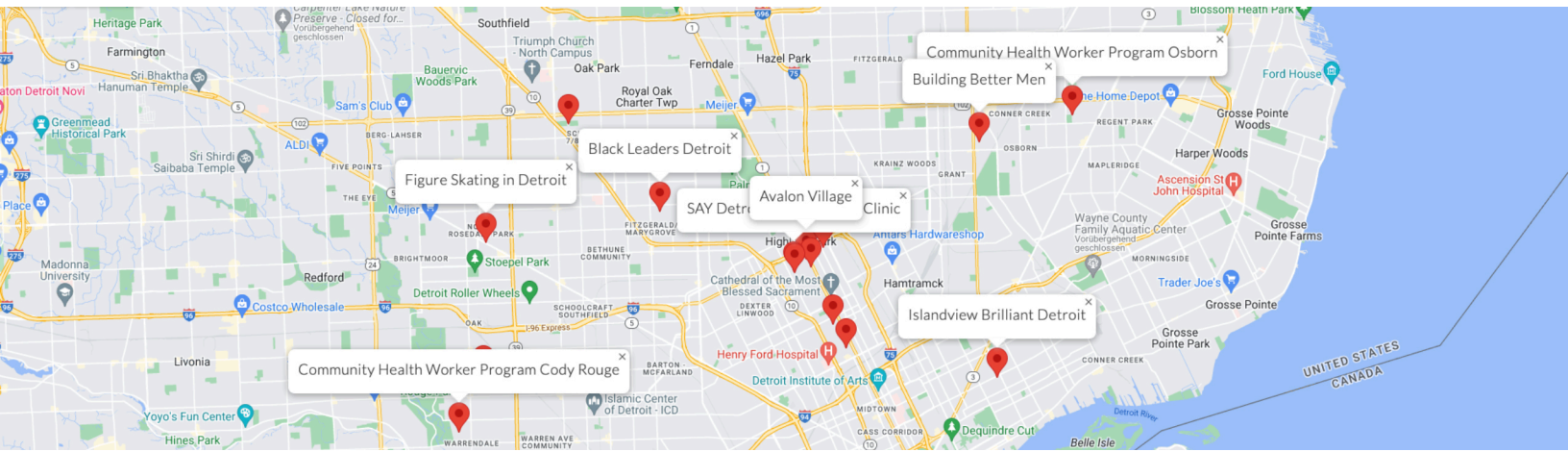


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## DETROIT



50 riders participated in our second annual charity bike ride which not only benefited Black Leaders Detroit but gave the opportunity for members of both BLD and D2N to get to know and appreciate each other.



Our Community Health Program Health Night's, featuring Wayne State University medical students, presentation on respiratory health included looking at a diseased, smoker's lung. Health Nights are held monthly in the Brilliant Detroit Cody Rouge and Osborn neighborhood hubs; topics are community-driven.



Complementing Building Better Men (a mentorship program for young men at risk), Figure Skating in Detroit combines education with figure skating so young women improve self-esteem and develop physical fitness through skating. Their off-the-ice program enhances study habits and promotes social and emotional skills.

The more things change the more things stay the same. D2N's mission has remained the same for 13 years - *to provide sustainable support to grassroots, community-based programs in Detroit neighborhoods and remote villages in Nepal.*

D2N's newest partner, Black Leaders Detroit (BLD) has a very similar mission - to provide financial support for diverse social and community impact projects that are led by Detroit entrepreneurs. The partnership was initially cultivated by D2N Board Member, David Contorer. David and Richard participated in a 377-mile bike ride from Detroit to Mackinac which raised money and awareness for BLD.

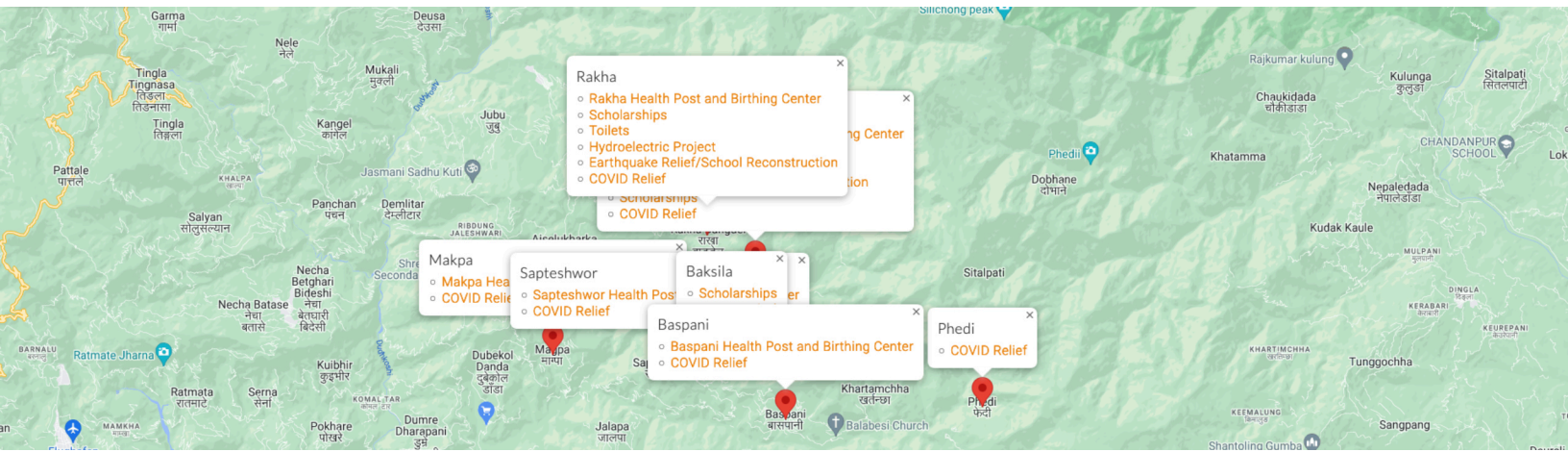
David is just one of D2N's amazing hands-on volunteer board members. Dr. Debbie Charfoos is helping to develop the Community Health Worker Program in Detroit neighborhoods, has run the Gynecology Clinic at the SAY Detroit Family Health Clinic for five years and hosted the D2N-sponsored health segment on WNUC.96.7 *Drs Making a House Call*.

Dr. Hamid Banooni champions Figure Skating in Detroit and David is also heavily involved with Building Better Men. Rounding out the board, providing invaluable financial and legal counsel, and unwavering commitment are Michael Curhan and Jeff Cohen.

D2N would not exist without its devoted, tireless board of directors, all of whom donate their time and energy. These dedicated volunteers enable D2N to operate without any paid staff. 100% of all donations go directly to our projects.

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## NEPAL



Roads and bridges come to Khotang.



Janasewa NGO has conducted menstrual hygiene orientations at five different schools.



Sewing menstrual pads as part of the Menses Project.

Health and Education have been D2N's primary focus in Nepal for 13 years, but the landscape in Nepal is changing quickly. How D2N will fit in the new environment and how D2N can continue to provide sustainable support to grassroots, community-based programs is our current focus. Situations that did not exist 13 years ago are now the driving forces of the future:

- There continues to be a steady out-migration of people from Khotang, with a drop in population of about 15% in the last few years. Subsequently, government schools, health posts and other infrastructure are less utilized.
- COVID hindered the ability of young men to work abroad, resulting in the significant loss of income for Khotang families.
- The impact of road construction has been incredibly complicated. Although road construction in remote areas is generally considered to be progress, the roads have also enabled staples to be sent into Khotang. The result is that it is cheaper to buy these goods rather than produce them in Khotang and subsequently 25% of the Khotang fields are now fallow.

Despite the current challenges the people of Khotang face, D2N continues to work with our ground partner, Janasewa NGO, to work toward a promising future.

Led by Student Board Member Anya Chinnaiyan, our Menses Project progresses. The government and the governmental schools are engaged in the project and recognize its importance. This engagement allows us to bring facilitators to multiple schools, discuss the topic with the teachers, girls and boys, and carry out educational programs that address social stigmas, taboos, and discrimination and provide solutions to these issues.

