

# Project Haiti: Best Bike Challenge & Holiday Giving

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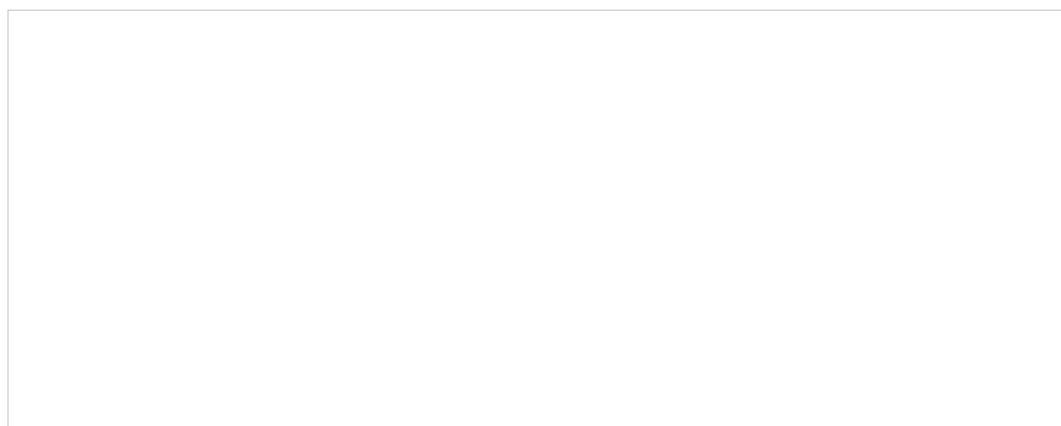
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*Editor's note: We're endlessly grateful to EBS - and all of our donors thus far - for making [Project Haiti](#) a possibility. We ask you to please consider Project Haiti, USGBC's effort to build a LEED Platinum orphanage and children's center in Port-au-Prince, for your holiday donations. You can text 50555 to give \$10 to the initiative ([full terms](#)) or visit our [donation page](#) for more information. Happy holidays & sincerest thanks!*

With all the excitement at [Greenbuild](#) – the products, the ornate booth displays, the high-profile speakers, and the education around the next innovations in sustainable design and construction – a humbling yet empowering component of this year's conference was USGBC's efforts to raise money and break ground on the Haiti Orphanage & Children's Center, an initiative that they've dubbed [Project Haiti](#).

Going above and beyond simply cutting a check, we at [Environmental Building Strategies \(EBS\)](#) wanted to create a philanthropic experience for all Greenbuild attendees to enjoy and get involved. As high performance building consultants with a love for the outdoors, the environment and good ol' competition, EBS put a "spin" on California's Best Building Challenge to create the Best Bike Challenge: a stationary bike competition to raise funds, awareness and energy for Project Haiti.

Taking place in EBS and [Integral Group's](#) expo hall booths, Greenbuild attendees rode stationary bikes throughout the conference to generate watt/hours, which translated into financial donations backed by EBS, [Boston Properties](#), [CAS Architects](#) and [Nibbi Brothers General Contractors](#).

With more than 320 riders who generated more than 800 watt/hours of energy on the bikes throughout the show, Greenbuild attendees met and exceeded the threshold goal to achieve a \$10,000 donation\*. Highlights included the opening evening "bike-offs" between big names in green building, as well as Rick Fedrizzi himself jumping on the bike and accepting the \$10,000 check.

[View more details](#) about the Best Bike Challenge and Project Haiti, and check out the fun – and funny – event photos on EBS' [Facebook page](#). Big thanks to our contributing partners for making the Bike Challenge possible, as well as to all who jumped on the bike and contributed to the cause!

*\*Editor's note: The total funds actually raised totaled \$9,500.*

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