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Oberle School Needs Used Bikes for Vocational Program

(Fredericksburg, VA) – Employment Resources Incorporated’s Gladys H. Oberle School in Fredericksburg is in need of used bicycles for their vocational program. The Oberle School’s *Wilson Center for Vocational Studies* accepts donated bicycles from local residents and utilizes them to train their students through their Bicycle Repair Program. “All of our bikes go through an extensive 11-point mechanical check and safety inspection which also includes cosmetic improvements such as painting and replacing old parts with new ones,” said Rob Welch, Vocational Director at the Gladys H. Oberle School.

“Once our students have completely refurbished the bicycles, we donate them to needy families and children in the area,” said Joan McLaughlin, President of Employment Resources Incorporated (ERI). ERI partners with local non-profit social service organizations that work with low-income families in the region for distribution of the bicycles. “We were so happy to

donate five refurbished bikes to The Salvation Army this holiday season for their Christmas Toyland,” McLaughlin added. This is the second year that ERI has partnered with The Salvation Army to help needy children.

ERI and the Gladys H. Oberle School will be closed for the holiday season from December 21, 2013-January 5, 2014. ERI’s offices and the Oberle School will re-open on Monday, January 6, 2014. Anyone who has used bicycles to donate to the vocational school program can drop them off at the Oberle School on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am-2:00pm at 404 Willis Street, Fredericksburg. If anyone has questions about the program, please contact Rob Welch, Vocational Director, at 540-372-6710, ext. 157.

Employment Resources Incorporated is a private not-for-profit organization with offices located in Fredericksburg, Virginia that serves the city of Fredericksburg and multiple cities and counties in the region. ERI operates the Gladys H. Oberle School in Fredericksburg, an accredited alternative private special education day school for middle and high age children which includes The Wilson Center for Vocational Studies programs. Its mission is to provide youth and young adults with the education and skills they need to become successfully employed, self-sufficient and contributing members of their community. ERI also provides employment training programs and services to the adult workforce and employers in their service region.

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