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Donation of Used Bikes Needed for Vocational Program

(Fredericksburg, VA) – Employment Resources Incorporated’s Gladys H. Oberle School in downtown Fredericksburg is seeking 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). “We are asking for donations of bikes this fall so we can recondition them in time to be given to The Salvation Army’s Toyland for needy children in our area.”

ERI has partnered for years with local non-profit social service organizations that work with low-income families in the region for distribution of the bicycles.

Anyone who has used bicycles to donate to the vocational school program can call ERI Monday-Friday at 540-372-6710 to schedule a time to drop off their bicycles at the *Wilson Center for Vocational Studies'* delivery entrance at the rear of the building. Drop off times for the bicycles can be scheduled 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 high school 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.

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