

Another ride around the block

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Linn Creek, Mo. —

Remember the carefree days of childhood and the thrill of a bike ride through the neighborhood?

Those kinds of memories are what a lake-area recycler and the Linn Creek Police Department hope to help make happen. All they need is a little bit of help from the community.

Advantage Metals Recycling on A Road in Linn Creek and Trevor Dowdney, Chief of Police, have teamed up to help local charities provide refurbished, used bicycles to children of all ages from infants to teenagers and even adults for the holidays and throughout the year.



Used bikes and parts are needed to get the project underway, according to Dowdney.

Bikes and parts can be delivered to Advantage Metals Recycling during normal business hours. Dowdney and Jason Ling, who runs the recycling facility, will then take care of getting the bikes ready for kids and families in need.

"We hope to collect more than enough bicycles and parts to meet the requests that we expect to receive," Dowdney said. "We are also looking for donations of supplies, paint, anything that can be used to recycle the bikes."

Dowdney said the goal is to donate as many bikes as possible to local charities that provide assistance to those in need. The charities will be in charge of deciding who gets them. Recycling the bikes and parts will help keep items out of the waste stream and at the same time provide fun and exercise to those who receive them, he said.

Lake-area, non-profit charities looking for bikes to give out during the holidays or throughout the year for birthdays can contact Dowdney or Ling.