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Independent Living Resource Center Seeks Disabled Children to Participate in Bicycle Camp

WICHITA, Kan. – Independent Living Resource Center is seeking children with disabilities ages 7 to 21 to participate in an upcoming bicycle camp that teaches individuals to ride a conventional bicycle without training wheels.

From May 30 to June 3, individuals participating in the “Lose the Training Wheels” program will be instructed for approximately one hour each day. The program utilizes adapted bikes and techniques developed by Dr. Richard Klein, a retired professor of mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois who travels nationwide during summer months conducting the camps for children with disabilities.

Children that have benefited from this program in other cities are those that are that are ambulatory, have use of all limbs, have adequate vision to see and avoid obstacles and, above all, the desire to “lose the training wheels.”

The cost to participate in this week-long camp is \$100.

Applications are being accepted on a first come, first serve basis and are available by calling Independent Living Resource Center at (316) 942-6300 or online at www.ilrcks.org. Applications should be submitted by May 12.

Volunteers are also needed during the program to serve as spotters by providing physical support and moral encouragement. Spotters are requested to commit to a minimum of one morning or afternoon session, but are encouraged to sign up for multiple sessions to have the chance to see a child progress through the week of camp and celebrate their success with them.

Sponsors who have made this opportunity possible for the first time in the Wichita area include High Touch Inc., Davis Moore Auto Group, Drs. Fisher Yarrow & Fleming P.A. Doctors of Optometry, Bicycle X-Change, Grace Family Fellowship, Faith Community Church and Independent Living Resource Center.

Independent Living Resource Center, located at 3033 W. 2nd Street in Wichita, is a private, non-profit agency that empowers people with disabilities in south-central Kansas by providing support, advocacy, community education, training and direct services. Services and resources include information and referrals, independent living skills training, medical equipment loans, computer training, social and recreation activities, peer support and speaker bureau presentations. For more information, call (316) 942-6300.

