

# Kid Stuff

## You Fix It, You Keep It

Third Ward kids get their own wheels

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Kids in Houston are way more familiar with the backseats of cars than the banana seats of bicycles — which is why Third Ward Community Bike Center co-founder Seth Capron is bringing the bike experience to town, and specifically to kids in the Third Ward, where some parents may not be able to afford bikes for their children.

The center's Earn-a-Bike Program allows neighborhood kids to, as Capron says,

“come in, help patch inner

tubes, dismantle a junk bike, build it up for a charity and take another junk bike to build for their own.”

The program still needs more tools, parts and volunteers. “This weekend, the kids took us by storm, and we didn't have all the tools to help out,” says Capron. Donations can be made during hours of operation.

“In the end,” says Capron, “kids will know how to maintain their bikes, and help teach others how to fix bikes.” 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. 2320 Elgin. For information, call 713-807-7911. Free.



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