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About 100 local children from Northwest Center, Dakota Center, East End Center, Bomberger Center and YMCA Trotwood will receive refurbished bicycles and free bicycle safety classes at the UD School of Engineering's eighth-annual Wheels for Kids.

The event will be held rain or shine 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, in Lot C (between Kettering Labs and Marianist Hall). The children, ages 6 to 12, will assist the UD first-year engineering students in fixing their bikes and then test their new wheels during the bike safety rodeo

conducted by AAA.

"I just bet those student engineers didn't know they were sprouting wings this spring," one parent commented in an event evaluation.

Each child receives a bike free, T-shirt, helmet and certificate for completing the safety session.

"It's like Christmas all over again," another parent said. "A couple of the mothers expressed heartfelt thanks as this wonderful surprise came as an answer to their prayers. Their children had been asking for a bicycle and there was no money for it."

The largest UD event entirely organized by first-year students, Wheels for Kids accepts bicycles and donations from the community then fixes the bikes for the children.

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