Did You Know…

There is a space in Ames dedicated to Rebuilding Lives, One Bike at a Time? 🚲

We-Cycle is a volunteer-led 501(c)(3) non-profit located at 4625 Reliable St., just above Lockwood Café. Val Nehls founded and opened We-Cycle in 2015. Their mission is to distribute refurbished bicycles to individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability to help them access work, appointments, and essential services. Their volunteers have acquired a reputation for helping those in the Ames and ISU community who are experiencing hardships or could benefit from a set of wheels to keep them moving forward.

We-Cycle does not sell bikes or serve as a free bike shop. They repair donated used bikes and provide them to the neediest in the community, prioritizing referrals from dedicated local partner agencies, including: The Bridge Home, Access Women's and Children's Shelter, Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance, Youth and Shelter Services (YSS), Optimae Life Services, Boys and Girls Clubs, Wings of Refuge, Harmony Closet, Romero House, Ames Repair Cafe, Habitat for Humanity, Overflow Thrift Store, Mainstream Living, and the Ames Mosque.

How YOU can help?

We-Cycle is always looking for skilled bike mechanics who are willing to volunteer their time and energy. They also accept adult bicycle donations and spare parts. They are unable to accept children's bicycles and encourage you to donate those to local thrift stores in Ames. You may contact a volunteer at 515-992-0056 to schedule a drop-off by appointment. We-Cycle also welcomes any financial contributions that would help them gear up and continue donating bikes to the those who need them most. You can learn more or donate via their Facebook page, Venmo, or email them directly at wecycle.community@gmail.com.