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## Special needs children get bike ride

Leap Beyond Therapy celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day by giving Special Needs Children the chance to experience freedom riding a bike.

Leap Beyond Therapy is hosting a Bike Day Monday, Jan. 21, at Beech Acres Park Recplex gymnasium. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. children with special needs can come and experience riding a bike.

Leap Beyond Therapy has partnered with Freedom Concepts, Mobility Inc. to assist getting kids out in the community riding a bike.

"Every child should be able to ride a bike," said co-founder Ruth Grant-Bailey. "The beautiful thing about a child with special needs riding a bike is that not only are they able to experience mobility, and independence, they are getting therapeutic benefits. It honestly is well-spent money."

These bikes do come with a substantial price tag, thus the reason Leap Beyond Therapy has decided to host Bike Day in January. It gives families time to research funding options and resources through insurance, grants and nonprofit organizations in time for spring riding. Leap Beyond Therapy will provide some of those funding options at Bike Day.

Are you a business, or organization and willing or interested in helping a child with special needs get a bike? Call Leap Beyond Therapy at 232-5327.

Leap Beyond Therapy does request that families interested in letting their child ride during Bike Day call and get an appointed time to come so that their child can get an adequate ride. For more information, call 232-5327.

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