

Leadership in Practice, Professional

Rachele Klein, Business Development Manager, Republic Services

Rachele Klein, Business Development Manager for Republic Services, initiated a program to rescue bikes from the garbage at Republic Services in southwest Meridian and provide them to groups around the valley that are able to repair them.

One of the recipients of the "rescued" bikes is the Treasure Valley Safe Routes to School program, who uses them for bike rodeos in the community. These bikes allow Safe Routes to School to get more children on bicycles during rodeos and, when needed, allows a child to trade a damaged bike for a refurbished bike.

Ms. Klein's dedication and passion for saving bikes from the garbage not only provides active transportation options to children, but also saves space in the landfill – a true "win-win" solution.