

If I had to declare one object in this mad world as my favorite thing, I'd have to say that it's the bicycle. Bikes are rad. To me, the bicycle is the ultimate symbol of freedom. From the time I was a young boy my bike has been like a best friend. It has taken me far and wide on adventures all across this beautiful country of ours. This love for the bicycle has inspired me to share it with others by opening a community bike shop where people can come and learn how to fix their own bikes or earn a bike by refurbishing donated, used bikes with the help of experienced volunteers. With the help of Trips for Kids, we're opening a bike recylery at Area 15 on the corner of East 15th Street and North Davidson. We hope to be up and running by the end of February. So if you want to learn how to fix bikes or teach bike mechanics to kids through our Earn-A-Bike program, come on by and check us out. We're trying to grow the bike culture here in Charlotte by bringing together people who love bikes and by sharing that love with folks who may themselves become bike enthusiasts. For more info, e-mail me at [pedalkraft@gmail.com](mailto:pedalkraft@gmail.com) —*Keith Sorensen*

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