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It doesn't take long to realize that young kids have the right idea:

- Enjoy the sunshine.
- Always be ready for a little adventure.
- Help a friend when they fall.
- Don't worry if there is a traffic pile-up; just laugh and go on.
- Be mindful of safety.
- Enjoy life.

The youngsters at Small Wonders Child Development Center took some time Friday afternoon to have fun with their tricyles and bikes, enjoy the beautiful spring day, and raise funds for other kids in need.

The center held a Trike A Thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Bikes and tricycles of all shape, color and size were on the parking lots at First Baptist Church as the kids rode, laughed and had a good time. Parents and grandparents were on hand, to watch and document the event.

Pink bikes, blue bikes; bikes with Barbie and green Mongoose racer bikes; black helmets,

red helmets and (here she is again) Barbie helmets. Boys just gotta be boys and girls might have pink 'Hello Kitty' or (one more time) Barbie helmets. Riders with a bit of expertise, and others who are just learning to ride.

They all had fun – while helping kids who might not be able to ride their bikes on a sunny spring day.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

St. Jude is the first and only pediatric cancer center to be designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute. Founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fundraising organization.

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