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It's the Repairin' of The Green!

Cville TimeBank Partners with Habitat Store
for St. Patrick's Day Repair Café

It's green to fix instead of toss!

Cheerful volunteers at the Cville TimeBank Repair Café will once again fix broken stuff (of any color), free, on Saturday, March 17, from noon to 4:00 PM, at The Habitat Store, 1221 Harris Street in Charlottesville.

As always, attendees can bring up to three items to be fixed, including small appliances, clothing, toys, jewelry, bikes, small furniture and more.

New at this event will be a Take-Apart Table, where kids of all ages will get to disassemble and see what's inside some common objects.

At the new DIY lamp repair station, visitors will get help diagnosing simple lamp problems and completing basic repairs such as replacing a cord or switch.

Top Notch Computers will return to advise on and tune up computers, and Way Cool Tools will once again offer tool sharpening services.

Volunteers from Charlottesville Community Bikes, a non-profit local bike shop, will be on hand to offer hands-on bike repair and maintenance.

For safety reasons, volunteers will not repair gas operated lawn and garden equipment, televisions, or microwave ovens.

“We can’t fix everything,” says event coordinator Ann Marie Hohenberger, “but we’ll try to fix almost anything. It’s amazing how many things can be saved from the trash with just a little work.”

Items most often brought in for repair are also some of the things that commonly find their ways to the landfill, including lamps, bikes, toasters, fans, and clothing.

At past events some unusual items were fixed, including an Olympic torch and a camel saddle.

Cville TimeBank is once again partnering with The Habitat Store, which offers bargains on new and used building materials, furniture, and more. The store is run by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville, and all profits go toward building more affordable housing in our area.

Says David Winder, Habitat Store Operations Manager, “Our first partnership worked so well that we’re delighted to host and help with the Repair Café again, and excited about introducing new people to the store.”

“We think it’s a perfect match,” says Hohenberger. “We both aim to help our neighbors and keep usable items out of the landfill at the same time. And this partnership helps us save money so that we can continue to offer Repair Cafés.”

Local Repair Cafés are organized by the Cville TimeBank. You can learn more at <https://cvilletimebank.com>.