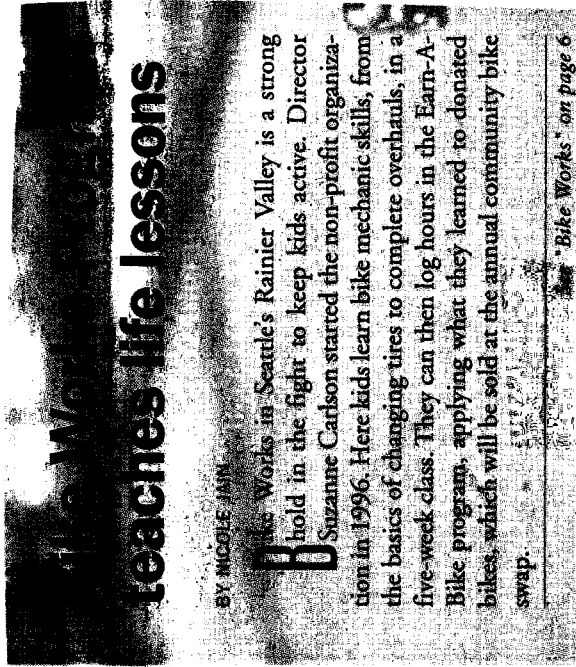


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Bike Works teaches life lessons

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Bike Works in Seattle's Rainier Valley is a strong hold in the fight to keep kids active. Director Suzanne Carlson started the non-profit organization in 1996. Here kids learn bike mechanic skills, from the basics of changing tires to complete overhauls, in a five-week class. They can then log hours in the Earn-A-Bike program, applying what they learned to donated bikes, which will be sold at the annual community bike swap.

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