

Strengthen Our Sisters



Cars For Success

Cars for Success was developed by Strengthen Our Sisters to assist low income women make the transition from welfare to work by providing essential transportation. Women are referred to Cars for Success by a number of diverse non-profit organizations and agencies, which include homeless and domestic violence shelters, job training programs, and welfare agencies.

Since 1998, Cars for Success has provided used vehicles to over 150 low income women living in rural areas of New Jersey.



HOW TO DONATE YOUR USED CAR
AND RECEIVE A TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE FULL RETAIL VALUE OF YOUR CAR

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CARS FOR SUCCESS WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANKS TO THE MANY GENEROUS DONORS WHO HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, POVERTY, AND ABUSE FIND SUSTAINING JOBS AND INDEPENDENCE FROM THEIR BATTERERS AND THE WELFARE SYSTEM!

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About Strengthen Our Sisters' Cars for Success

Cars for Success was developed by Strengthen Our Sisters, a 73 bed grass roots, 501c3 non-profit shelter program serving battered/homeless women and children. The Cars for Success program provides vehicles for residents of our shelter, and low income women on welfare referred by a number of diverse non-profit organizations, including homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, job training, and welfare programs.

Strengthen Our Sisters recognized the necessity for women living in rural areas to own vehicles in order for them to join the workforce, attend school, or job training programs. The existing available public transportation system often discourages women from seeking work or a higher education. Having no train service, and very limited bus service makes it impractical and expensive for women to commute, often requiring three transfers to get to and from the nearest centers of commerce and industry. And, women with children need additional transfers to drop children off at a sitter or day care center -- making it impossible to get to a nine to five job or school on time.

The program began in 1998 when a generous couple purchased a new vehicle and wanted to donate their used car to the shelter. The car was donated and the couple received a tax deduction for the value of the car. The car was then given to a woman with two children living at the shelter who was eager to work and sever her dependence the welfare system. With the donated vehicle, she was able to drop her children off at our licensed pre-school and day care center, and begin her search for employment. She successfully found a sustaining job where she also received training, and her welfare case was closed.

Strengthen Our Sisters quickly recognized the further need for vehicles and placed ads in newspapers and a local cable station. Since then, we have received over one hundred and fifty used vehicles and have hired a former client and welfare recipient to help manage the program.

Through press releases, news articles about Cars for Success, and word-of-mouth, more used cars are being donated to our organization each week -- more donors are receiving tax deductions for values higher than they would receive for selling their cars, and most importantly -- many more disenfranchised women and their children are living non-violent and independent lives.