

# Vehicles for Change

WHSV – TV3

Updated: Fri 6:06 AM, Oct 28, 2011

By: Tim Wronka [Email](#)



Imagine if you didn't have your keys tomorrow morning and you couldn't get to work.

For many in the Valley, this is the case if you can't afford a car.

Vehicles for Change is a non-profit program to assist low-income, working families in buying a car.

Since 1999, they take donated cars, repair them, and match them to someone in need for a low price.

On Thursday, they were in Harrisonburg assisting a local woman with a good quality car donated from Allstate. This is first car to come from a company.

Without a car, it is virtually impossible to function," said Marty Schwartz, President of Vehicles for Change. "Particularly in a rural community like Harrisonburg."

This special program is helping people get back on the road to prosperity.

Kim Denman has been struggling to get around without a car.

As a single mom who's been rebuilding her life the last four years, buying a car is not easy.

By working hard, she got this one at a low cost.

“I had to walk in the rain for the last time this morning,” said Kimberly Denman. “I did. I am so excited!”

Schwartz said without a car, life is just more difficult.

“To do regular, daily chores, to get your children to day care,” said Schwartz. “To get to the grocery store like Kimberly said. To get to Doctor's appointments. You can do any of those things.”

For Kimberly, it's also about a sense of accomplishment.

“Bugging people for rides to and from work, from the store to the grocery store, everywhere. It was getting a little old,” said Denman.

These cars are usually old ones donated from people, but Kimberly's is one that's in great condition that came from Allstate.

Cars are always needed.

“The need for cars is phenomenal,” said Schwartz. “We just don't get enough to provide vehicles for as many families as possible.”

For Kimberly, there's one thing she's excited to do now that she has a new set of wheels.

“I hate to say it but we're going grocery shopping to see how many groceries can fit in my trunk,” said Denman. “That's exactly what we are going to do today.”

© Copyright 2015 WHSV / Gray Television Group, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

---