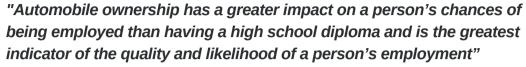


INTRODUCTION TO ONRAMP

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OnRamp is a 501c3 nonprofit founded in October 2017 to provide reliable transportation to people in need to help them on the road to self-sufficiency and share with them the grace of God.

Advocates from local charitable, religious, educational, and health care organizations nominate clients who need a reliable vehicle. Applicants are then interviewed and vetted by volunteers on our Client Care Committee. Accepted clients, supported by their advocate, must complete significant "Action Steps" before receiving a vehicle: steps which help them advance towards self-sufficiency. These steps often include opening a savings account, creating a budget, or receiving mental health services if needed. Once the client completes the recommended action steps, our Vehicle Team procures, prepares, and donates the ideal vehicle, and then continues to support the client with a full year of free maintenance.



As of July 2021, we have given reliable vehicles to seventy-two (72) local families and individuals in need, most of whom are hard-working single moms. We have also repaired more than thirty other vehicles for families that already have dependable transportation.



Cheyna, one of our first clients is a single mom of two toddlers and a survivor of abuse. She used the car we gave her to complete her education, get a better paying job, find a safe place to live, and build her savings. Three years later she is ready to buy a newer vehicle on her own and plans to donate the still-reliable vehicle we gave her to a survivor of sex trafficking! What a joy to see God tranform a former client into a generous donor who helps others!







Tiffany, a hard-working single mom of four, found herself out of options when her only vehicle broke down at the same time her oldest daughter's college tuition came due. She needed something new to get her to and from work in our local school district. Most people in this situation would be forced to turn to predatory lending, but Tiffany had a pastor at a local church who sponsored her to OnRamp. The timing was perfect! On February 2, 2018 Tiffany received a fully-loaded 2014 Nissan Versa with only 24,000 miles from our ministry.

With her reliable vehicle, she has been able to pay her daughter's tuition, visit her daughter at college, attend her children's school activities, and even attend her son's out-of-town football games for the first time that year. She even increased her income 50%, and has been accepted to Prairie View A&M to complete her Bachelors in Sociology! And maybe the most impactful, Tiffany now brings her experience as a former OnRamp client to both our Board of Directors and our Client Care Committee where she helps our team understand how best to care for those we serve.

Our Impact

We have seen firsthand the impact of reliable transportation on a family's financial future, educational progress, and access to health care. Through the gift of OnRamp vehicles and a year of maintenance, **our clients have increased their median savings from an average of \$40 when we met to over \$800 at the completion of our one-year care.** They graduate from our program with reliable vehicles, increased savings, and life-long connections and resources.

Through OnRamp, five of our clients were enabled to stay on the kidney transplant waiting list, which required proof of personal vehicle ownership since we have no transplant-level hospitals in our area. Additionally, multiple OnRamp parents have used their donated vehicle to access vital health-care resources for their children. Overall, 50% of our clients report improved access to preventative medical appointments. Reliable transportation has transformed employment, healthcare, educational opportunities, and community involvement for the clients we have served.

Our Future

When we launched OnRamp in 2017, we expected to donate a few vehicles a year. God clearly had other plans! We are currently on track to donate one vehicle per week in the next year in the Brazos Valley, and foresee that number doubling in the coming years as we expand to surrounding rural counties not currently served.

In addition to local growth, we are actively expanding OnRamp to new geographic areas through our new Affiliate program. We will identify, equip, train, and help to launch affiliate OnRamp 501c3's throughout the country in the coming years to help meet the ubiquitous need for charitable transportation assistance. OnRamp Dallas is in the works, and we are in ongoing discussions about additional expansion opportunities.



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