



NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2018

FROM DREAM TO REALITY

More than 700,000 American households do not have a car and lack access to public transit, making them far less likely to find and keep jobs. Lack of reliable transportation traps individuals and families in poverty and robs them of the employment and healthcare options most of us take for granted.



Empowering individuals and families in need to purchase reliable vehicles

After years of dreaming and planning, OnRamp launched in October 2017. We knew there was a significant need for dependable transportation among at-risk individuals and families in the Brazos Valley, especially single moms of young children. But we had no idea if other people would share our vision and contribute the funds required to meet this need. Fortunately, the answer has been a resounding YES!

FOUR CHANGED LIVES

We have been shocked to receive over \$25000 in donations from nothing more than sharing on social media, as well as two generous donations of excellent condition, late-model vehicles!

Thanks to this generosity, we've already provided reliable vehicles to four single moms in our community!

DONATIONS: MAKING IT HAPPEN

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MARLO



Marlo, a single mom of four kids, ages 12-21, actually inspired the creation of OnRamp! In need of a vehicle, but with little money or credit resources, Marlo was forced to turn to a dishonest used car dealer who sold her an absolute lemon. Blake spent many hours trying desperately to keep her car running, which lit the fire that birthed this charity: to ensure no one like Marlo ends up in a similar situation again! Fortunately, through the generous donations of so many of you, we were able to purchase an excellent Chevy Tahoe for Marlo that fits her whole family in comfort and safety... with working air conditioning!



JACKIE

OnRamp and Allen Honda teamed up to bless an incredibly hard-working single mom who was in desperate need of reliable transportation. Jackie was walking four miles to and from work as a nurse assistant at a local hospital. But with your help and Allen Honda's generosity,



we were able to help her buy a 2010 Honda Civic in excellent shape. Now she's able to get to work, take her daughter to school and church, and give rides to other women in need to whom she serves as a mentor.



LAQUINA

This single mom has been on dialysis for six years, but hasn't been able to get on the transplant list due to lack of reliable transportation. Fortunately, Rosie, her wonderful social worker at the dialysis clinic reached out to us on LaQuina's behalf at precisely the same time a generous doctor(!) in town gifted us a well-cared-for 2010 Chevy Cobalt. The gift matched the client perfectly and we were able to help LaQuina on the road to a transplant!



TIFFANY

A hard-working single mom of three found herself out of options when her well-worn sedan broke down around the same time her oldest daughter's college tuition came due. She needed something new to get her to and from work. Most people in this situation would be forced to turn to predatory lending, but Tiffany had a friend on staff at Grace Bible Church named Micah who sponsored her for OnRamp. Once again, the timing was perfect! Another generous donor came forward with a fully-loaded 2014 Nissan Versa with only 24,000 miles, a perfect vehicle to last Tiffany for many years to come.



WHAT'S NEXT?

The most important lesson we have learned over these past five months is that success depends on strong client/sponsor relationships. **OnRamp is NOT the most important part of this program. Sponsors are.** Their faithful commitment to the clients they sponsor determines whether or not the gift of a vehicle will make a long-term positive impact. Therefore, our primary goal during the remainder of 2018 is to develop strong working relationships with proven sponsoring organizations in town. For example, we have begun to work with Habitat for Humanity to identify new OnRamp clients from among their existing Habitat families. These families already get so much excellent training, support, and accountability. OnRamp can simply be a tool to help Habitat continue its mission to move families in the Brazos Valley in to sustainable home ownership and financial independence. Likewise, we have begun a partnership with College Station ISD's Head Start program. They also have developed long-term training, support, and accountability relationships with the at-risk families they serve. We hope to come alongside their efforts and provide some of these families with reliable vehicles to help them on the road to success.

We hope that through new relationships with sponsoring organizations such as Habitat and Head Start, we can provide approximately one reliable vehicle a month to a family or individual in need for the remainder of 2018. We also hope to develop the systems required to coach, encourage, and support our growing family of OnRamp clients going forward. We hope and pray you will continue to generously support these efforts!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income to date:

Monetary donations received: \$28,076
Estimated value of donated vehicles: \$12,000
Total value of donations: \$40,076

Expenses to date:

Costs for two purchased vehicles: \$12,106
Processing fees and other expenses: \$839
Total expenses: \$12,945