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**VEHICLES FOR**  
**change**

The logo consists of the text "VEHICLES FOR" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, positioned above the word "change" in a large, bold, red, italicized sans-serif font. The letter "o" in "change" is replaced by a red heart shape, which contains a white silhouette of a car.

# The Vehicles for Change Mission



Vehicles for Change, Inc. (VFC) is a 501(c)3 organization that empowers families with financial challenges to achieve economic and personal independence through car ownership and technical training.



## The Need

### Brookings Institute Study

60,000 low income **households** without a car or access to public transportation to get to a job in 90 minutes

### Training Programs and Access to Employment *(training individuals who will/may need transportation for employment)*

Jump Start

Center for Urban Families

Full Circle Training Center

JARC

*to name just a few*

## The Cost

It cost the State over **\$30,000** per year to support a family of 3 (does not include lost income taxes if employed)

# How It Works



- Cars are donated by the general public
- **Repairs are made by mechanic trainees most of who were previously incarcerated.**
- The Recipients
  - A typical recipient is a single mother with two or three children
  - Recipients are identified by partner organizations
  - Recipients must meet certain requirements
    - Low income
    - Employed or with verifiable job offer
  - Pay an average of \$900
    - Recipients receive a guaranteed VFC 12-month loan and a 6 month/6000 mile warranty
    - Loan helps recipient establish a credit rating

# Awarding Cars to Low Income Families

*Twice as many welfare recipients with cars were working than those without cars* (Brookings Institute)

## VFC Results

- Awarded 6,000 cars to worthy families since 1999 in Maryland, Virginia and Michigan
- The largest low-income car ownership program in the country
- Considered a best practice program

## VFC Impact

- 75% gain or attain a better job with an average salary increase of \$7000
- 90% of recipient's children attend after-school, recreational, and athletic activities
- Parents spend an average of 60 minutes more at home with their children
- Even improves nutrition by providing access to fresh, healthy produce for those that live in food deserts



# Increasing Impact

## Comprehensive Transportation Program

- Information on options

- Van pool

- Ride share database

- Bike program

- Car Awards

## Car Repair Program

- Providing discounted repairs and loans to qualified families

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