VEHICLES FOR change
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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