

## Wheels to Work Success Story

B.T. is a single mother of three children. Her work is 17 miles away from her home and doctor's office so she depends heavily on her vehicle for transportation to and from work and to meet her family's needs. Due to health reasons, it was necessary for her to reduce her work hours to a part-time position of 20 hours per week making it very difficult for her to sustain financially. In the meantime, the windshield on her vehicle sustained a crack which continued to quickly spread across the windshield. This made the windshield susceptible to shattering completely and made it very unsafe for driving, especially on the Interstate which she utilizes daily. The repair shop deemed her vehicle unsafe to drive as the crack had spread so significantly.

B.T. submitted an application for Wheels to Work and received assistance with the purchase of a new windshield for her vehicle. She can now drive safely to work as well as meet her family's other transportation needs, such as transportation to and from school, medical appointments and grocery shopping.

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J.T. is a single mother. She works two jobs in order to support herself and her four children. She stated that it is difficult to “stay afloat financially. In addition to needing her car for transportation to work, she said that she also needs her car to transport her children to school and daycare.

She requested assistance from Wheels to Work with replacement of the struts on her car. The total cost of the repair to her was \$844.56. She was approved for \$800.00 in financial assistance from Wheels to Work plus two \$20.00 gas cards. She paid the balance of \$44.56. Her car was repaired and she was able to maintain the use of her car for employment and family needs. She was also referred to Family Services and St. Vincent De Paul for diapers and wipes and other family related needs. She was extremely relieved to have a fully functioning, safe means of transportation again and couldn't be more thankful.