

# The Vehicles for Change Mission





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



# 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 12month 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.

