

Goodwill Success Story



Arlene Wall

*Four Wheels For Work
vehicle recipient*

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and it's all because of people like you."***

When Arlene Wall lost her job, it was the first event in a chain reaction that left her homeless. Thanks to Goodwill and the Four Wheels For Work program, Arlene is back on the road to independence.

In the summer of 2008, Arlene lost her job, and as a result, soon lost her car and her home. "I was without a home for seven or eight months," she explains. Even without a home, Arlene didn't give up. She found a job while living in a shelter, and eventually moved into transitional housing.

Finding a car was Arlene's next obstacle. "Just going to the grocery store would take three hours," she says. "When I was taking the bus to work, it was three hours a day out of my schedule, and I was already working ten hours a day."

Goodwill's Four Wheels For Work program came in the nick of time for Arlene. She explains, "My job changed my hours and I had to be there at 4:00 a.m. The bus doesn't run then." Arlene adds, ***"If I didn't get a car, I would have lost my new apartment, because I would have lost my job, and I would have been homeless all over again."***

Arlene is now the proud owner of a red station wagon, thanks to Four Wheels For Work. "It has been a Godsend," she says. "I have transportation back and forth to work, to go grocery shopping, or to take my granddaughter to the park."

Arlene has also been "paying it forward" since receiving her car from Goodwill. "Back when they changed my hours at work, I had a neighbor who worked with me and she was willing to carpool," Arlene explains. "But things went bad for her, and her van got repossessed, so now she's riding with me."

Goodwill and the Four Wheels For Work program helped Arlene get back in the driver's seat of life. ***"I have a lot to be thankful for," she says. "And it's all because of people like you."***



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