

Reliable Transportation for Judy: A St. Vincent de Paul Success Story

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Conference at Our Lord Christ the King Parish is a group of parishioners, who are committed to helping our neighbors in need. We will share stories periodically about the assistance that was given, due to your generosity. Names have been changed to protect the identities of those involved.

We would like to share a true SVDP success story. Several of our SVDP members, including Jim Dodd and Sharon Weckel, have been mentoring Judy for many years. As a result, they have developed a wonderful friendship with her. Over the years, SVDP at CTK has assisted Judy with paying rent and Duke bills, and have provided her Kroger cards, clothing vouchers, etc. After successful drug rehabilitation treatment, she was hired to clean hotel rooms. Judy proved herself to be a reliable employee, and she was promoted to a housekeeping shift supervisor.

Recently, Judy informed Jim and Sharon that her car needed brakes and new transmission, which totaled \$6,000. She needed a car in order to have safe, reliable transportation to take her infant son to childcare and to drive to work. We put a notice in the CTK bulletin that she needed to replace her unsafe car.

After a few months, one of our Christ the King parishioners called a SVDP member to inform us that his son got a new car and he wanted to donate his old one to SVDP. We filled out the necessary paperwork and presented Judy with the car. She was absolutely THRILLED!! Judy's ability to work and be self-sufficient was enhanced by this generous donation. Many thanks to all of the members of Christ the King who have been generous with our neighbors in need over the years!! God bless!!