OUR MISSION

The Wheels to Work mission is to develop a partnership bridging programs and providers currently serving people with community minded businesses interested in providing assistance to those truly in need. Overcoming the barrier of unreliable transportation to and from work to promote family sustaining employment and independence is our vision. This unique program engages businesses and schools in developing the opportunity to train their associates and their students while providing a highly demanded community need. Coupled with the partnership of the financial communities existing Money Smart program, the participant receives individualized training in financial management, budgeting, and vehicle maintenance while receiving either needed repairs, a donated vehicle, or financial assistance to purchase a newer more reliable vehicle.

An ongoing relationship with a mobility manager provided during the program period reinforces the outcome that helps create a difference in the future needs of the recipient. Our organization is chartered within the Wisconsin Automotive and Truck Education Association, our 5013C charitable entity.

This collaborative program incorporates the business community, the provider network, our educational partners, philanthropic organizations and individuals like you to accomplish this goal. No one group can do this alone. Won’t you consider how you or your organization can assist us today?

Partnering Agencies:
Forward Service Corporation
UW Marathon Co. Extension Offices
The Women’s Community
Catholic Charities
Salvation Army
St. Anne’s Catholic Church
City of Wausau
BA & Esther Greenheck Foundation
Community Member
North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board
Northcentral Technical College
Wausau School District
Wisconsin Automotive & Truck Education Association

Partnering Schools:
Northcentral Technical College
Wausau School District
Wausau East High School

Partnering Businesses:
Ruder Ware
US Bank
Valley Community Credit Union
SUN Printing
Autotrader.com

Partnering Auto & Part Facilities:
Auto Select
Brickner Family Autogroup
Car Connections
CARQUEST Auto Parts
Griesbach Automotive
Kocourek Autogroup
Motors Service & Supply
NAPA the Parts Store
Olson Tire & Auto Service, Inc
Raasch’s American Car Care Center
Wausau Auto

Partnering Academic Institutions:
Northcentral Technical College
Wausau School District
Wausau East High School

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City of Wausau Community Block Development Grant
Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP)
Wisconsin Automotive & Truck Education Association (WATEA)

Vehicle Issues
Got You Down?

Eliminate the barrier of unreliable transportation to and from work to promote family-sustaining employment & independence.
HOW DOES IT WORK?

• Participants can obtain 0% interest loan for repair work on their vehicle.
• Assessment of vehicle to determine road-readiness and the effectiveness of desired repair.
• Participant also receives credit counseling, budgeting assistance and vehicle maintenance training.
• Repairs completed by certified participating facilities to extend vehicle life.
• Significant repairs are possible through discounted parts and labor.

WHO QUALIFIES? WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION?

• 200% poverty or less
• Must have a Valid Driver’s Licensne
• Must carry insurance
• Must be working or looking for work

WETAP, the Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program, helps low-income workers and job seekers obtain reliable and affordable transportation, so that they and their families can become economically self-sufficient. Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, WETAP provides funds from the federal and state levels to community partnerships dedicated to assisting participants in overcoming transportation barriers.

Need Repairs?

• Vehicles donated to WATEA are re-donated to participants.
• Participants obtain 0% Job Access Loan which covers costs to get vehicle to road-ready standards.
• Participant also receives credit counseling, budgeting assistance and vehicle maintenance training.
• Repairs completed by certified participating facilities to extend vehicle life.
• Significant repairs are possible through discounted parts and labor.

Need Wheels?

• Participant can obtain 0% Job Access Loan funded by the program to purchase a vehicle from a participating dealership.
• Includes inspection of vehicle prior to purchase to determine it meets road-ready standards.
• Participant also receives credit counseling, budgeting assistance and vehicle maintenance training.

Need a Loan?

• Participants can obtain 0% interest loan for repair work on their vehicle.
• Assessment of vehicle to determine road-readiness and the effectiveness of desired repair.
• Participant also receives credit counseling, budgeting assistance and vehicle maintenance training.
• Repairs completed by certified participating facilities to extend vehicle life.
• Significant repairs are possible through discounted parts and labor.