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## **Vehicles for Change Awards Largest Tax Deduction in Washington Metropolitan Area**

**HALETHORPE, Md. (April 13, 2009)** – Vehicles for Change is proud to announce that it remains the only non-profit organization in the Washington metropolitan area that can maximize the tax deduction for a donated car by claiming the full Kelley Blue Book value of a vehicle.

Vehicles for Change sells refurbished cars to low-income families at a significantly reduced price, which qualifies donors for a special tax deduction written into law in 2005 under the American Job Creation Act. Vehicles for Change pays for the cost of repairs to a donated vehicles and subsidizes the purchase of a car along with a six month warranty for eligible families. In addition, these families receive a 12 month loan, regardless of their credit score, in order to build a better credit history for their future.

“For someone who is considering donating their car, a donation to Vehicles for Change is the best choice they make for themselves and their community,” said Marty Schwartz, president of Vehicles for Change. “A donation to Vehicles for Change earns you the largest tax deduction possible for your car and positively impacts the life of a deserving family.”

The American Job Creation Act permits donors to deduct the full market value of their vehicle if it is donated to a non-profit organization that gives or sells it, below market price, to a needy individual. A 1999 Honda Accord donated to Vehicles for Change may earn a tax deduction of up to \$5,100. Donating the same car to other non-profits may earn a deduction of around \$3,300. Simply put, Vehicles for Change can earn the maximum tax deduction for car donations and positively impact the local community.

Research has shown that after purchasing a car from Vehicles for Change, 73 percent of recipients obtain a better job and increase their income by an average of \$4,800. Over the past ten years, Vehicles for Change has impacted the lives of more than 8,400 parents and children by awarding nearly 3,000 cars to families in need. By partnering with social welfare programs in Virginia and Maryland, Vehicles for Change reaches the families who are in the most need of a car.

One hundred percent of cars that pass Vehicles for Change quality standards are awarded to local low-income families. Through Vehicles for Change’s program, struggling families are provided with the means to become self-sufficient and financially independent.

If you have a car that you would like to donate to Vehicles for Change, visit [www.vehiclesforchange.org](http://www.vehiclesforchange.org) and click on the “Donate Your Car Today” tab or call 1-800-835-3821. A Vehicles for Change tow truck will promptly pick up your vehicle, free of charge, and issue a receipt.

***About Vehicles for Change:*** Vehicles for Change, a nonprofit organization committed to selling refurbished cars to low-income families at minimal cost, was founded in 1999 and awarded its first car to a family in Carroll County, Md. To date, Vehicles for Change has impacted the lives of more than 8,400 individuals by awarding nearly 3,000 cars to people in need throughout the state of Virginia and in nine counties in Maryland. For more information about Vehicles for Change, please visit [www.vehiclesforchange.org](http://www.vehiclesforchange.org) or call Marty Schwartz at (410) 242-9674.

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