

New Bedford man receives donated life-changing car

Imagine trying to live a productive life without reliable transportation. From buying groceries to maintaining steady employment, daily life would be a struggle. Thankfully for one New Bedford man, his transportation struggles are now over.

Sage Vandersluis was awarded a life-changing car from the vehicle donation nonprofit Good News Garage. His used 2008 Honda Accord, donated by a generous New Englander, will transport him to a brighter future. Vandersluis is one of over 5,000 recipients of a vehicle from Good News Garage since the New England-based charity began providing reliable transportation to neighbors in need in 1996.

Good News Garage awards cars to Massachusetts residents through a partnership with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). Car recipients must be employed or have a written plan for employment and meet other qualifying criteria. This program is administered out of Good News Garage's Manchester, New Hampshire office.

A lack of reliable transportation is a major barrier preventing people from achieving upward mobility and financial self-sufficiency. This is especially true in rural areas that lack a substantial public transportation network, or one that runs outside of conventional working hours. Good News Garage's ability to help our neighbors in need is only limited by the number of vehicle donations it receives. The organization remains one of the few car-donation programs in the country that awards donors' old or unused cars to neighbors in need, and in doing so can offer donors generous tax deductions.

For more information or to donate, visit www.GoodNewsGarage.org.