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### **Repaired vehicle to be donated to Twin Cities family**

Bloomington, MN, *December 22, 2009* – One Twin Cities family will receive a needed lift just in time for Christmas at a vehicle donation event on December 22. Lehman's Garage and Hennepin Technical College (HTC) have partnered to repair a 2004 Chevrolet Impala for a family in need. The damaged vehicle was donated by an insurance company, and repaired at Lehman's Garage in Chaska by HTC students supervised by Lehman's auto body and mechanical technicians, which include current and past students of HTC.

The completed vehicle will be donated to a client of Cornerstone, a domestic abuse prevention agency based in Bloomington, MN. Cornerstone provides intervention and prevention services for children and adults to overcome the devastation of domestic abuse. The family receiving the vehicle currently uses the bus for all transportation. The mom works full time, and takes her three children ages three, five and seven to school and daycare by bus before taking it to work. Having their own car will save the family a lot of time, be much more convenient, and give the mom freedom to look toward different job opportunities.

"It's good people doing something good for others," Lehman's Garage President Darrell Amberson said, emphasizing that Lehman's employees and the HTC students donated their time for the project. "It's a way of giving back to the community."

Lehman's arranged for donations for the vehicle's repairs including parts from AAA Auto Salvage, emblems from Suburban Chevrolet, exhaust components from Walker/Parts Plus/Red Rooster, tires from Samaritan Tire, booster seats from Inver Grove Honda, detail from Pappas Professional Detailing, shop supplies from 3M and paint from DuPont. This is a wonderful example of various organizations working in partnership to make this happen for a local family.

The vehicle will be donated to the family at a presentation on Tuesday, December 22 at Lehman's Garage in Bloomington, 171 American Blvd W. Doors will open at 5 PM with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 PM and a short presentation beginning at 6 PM. Congressman Erik Paulsen will be speaking along with representatives from Lehman's Garage, Hennepin Technical College and Cornerstone. Members of the community, their families and the press are invited to attend.

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Vehicle before repairs begin:



Vehicle being worked on by HTC students with supervision from Lehman's Garage employees:

