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A Father's Love

As a single father to a seven year old boy, Josh struggled enormously with his daily commitments. He and his son were also suffering from his son's mother leaving them for a life of drugs. When he came into our Housing Program, they were living in his car. Working with Families Forward, he was able to secure a studio apartment but his pay was not enough to cover all of his living expenses. He worked tirelessly with our Career Coach and obtained a job that was to be the answer to all of his troubles. Two weeks after beginning his job as a Design Engineer (making \$27/hr) he was in a horrible car accident. His car insurance had lapsed right before he had received his new position and he had yet to receive a paycheck adequate enough to pay it.

With his new job being a 45 minute drive from home, the accident seemed to be the abrupt end to his new beginnings. After reaching out to Recycled Rides he was told it may be over a year before they could secure him a donated car. However, after only three days, Josh's case manager received an email that would change his life. They were given a safe, reliable car for him and his son.

Josh received the vehicle a short time later from Recycled Rides and ServiceKing. In addition to the vehicle, he received a card filled with gift cards worth over \$500. Only weeks before, it had been his son's birthday and he had not been able to buy him anything. Thanks to this generosity, he received \$100 to Toys 'R' Us, which he and his son spent on Nerf guns and had, what Josh described as, "the most epic birthday battle of all time". Without the support of the community, this dedicated father would not have had the resources to provide a memorable birthday for his son, let alone the safety and security of a roof over their heads that they both desperately needed.