



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

... NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS ...

### Car Purchase Program

The Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul calls us to follow Christ through service to those in need. Vincentians do this through by providing help to Neighbors that alleviates suffering AND promotes human dignity and personal integrity. This is done with reverence, empathy, and promotion of self-sufficiency. The Car Purchase Program does this by providing reliable transportation for our Neighbors to maintain employment.

#### Eligibility:

1. Neighbor has a job or job offer and needs the car to get to and from work.
2. Public transportation is not a plausible option.
3. Family at household does not own a car.
4. Neighbor must be current on property tax.
5. Neighbor must have the financial resources to purchase comprehensive insurance and pay for sales tax and registration.

#### To Request Council Support:

1. Complete Council Program Form in full (including matching pledge information from Conference and/or District).
2. Provide employment verification (current paycheck stub or letter from employer).
3. Provide current, valid driving record (obtained from the DMV) for all adults in household who will drive the car.
4. Provide confirmation that there is no past due personal property tax (from local assessor's office).
5. Confirm that NIN has the financial resources to purchase comprehensive insurance AND pay for sales tax and registration.  
The taxes vary based on the the Neighbor's location. To calculate an estimate of the tax for the Neighbor, visit  
<https://sa.dor.mo.gov/mv/stc/Home/GetRates>
6. Review the Car Agreement Form with your Neighbor. Have the Neighbor sign it and submit a copy to Council. Please also give a copy to the Neighbor.

#### If Approved:

1. If car is going to be used by a couple, we encourage both adults to be on the title.
2. NIN must purchase and show proof of comprehensive insurance at the dealership.
3. Not all neighbors are familiar with the process of titling and registering a car. We encourage the Conference to provide the necessary guidance.

#### Six Month Follow Up:

The Council Office requires that you contact the Neighbor 6 months after the car is purchased to check in and see how they are doing. You will receive an email reminder from the Council Office asking you to contact your Neighbor. As part of follow up, we would like to know:

1. Do they still have the car and how it is running?
2. What type of maintenance have they done of the car, if any?
3. Were they able to get the car registered without any problems?
4. Are they working at the same job they had when they received the car? If so, how is it going? If not, what are they doing currently how are they doing?
5. How has the car impacted their situation? And their ability to work?
6. Is there anything else they would like to share with us?

Please share what you find with the Council Office by emailing the information to [RequestCouncilProgram@svdpstl.org](mailto:RequestCouncilProgram@svdpstl.org)



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# Car Agreement Form

Neighbor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

As a participant in the Car Program, you understand and agree to the following:

- Pay sales tax on the car and apply for a title in your name within 30 days of purchase.
- Obtain valid registration (license plates).
- Maintain comprehensive auto insurance for a minimum of one year.
- A one-year limited drive-train warranty is included. The dealer will explain the details to you when you pick up the car. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is not responsible for repairs.
- Repairs and general maintenance are your responsibility.

This car was purchased through the generosity of our donors. We hope it serves you well.

We will contact you in approximately 6 months to see how you are doing!

Neighbor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_