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***Wheels to the Future* Pilot Program Gives Vehicles
to Area Youths Aging out of Foster Care**

Tampa, FL – June 26, 2009 – Coming of age in the foster care system with no family standing by to provide a head start in life can be daunting. The Eckerd Family Foundation’s financial contribution, partially matched by The Rotary Club of Tampa, has made possible a program seeking to help meet this need for area youth – namely, *Wheels to the Future*, a pilot program of *Wheels of Success*.

Wheels to the Future placed its first such teen in the driver’s seat of his newly painted Volvo last month. Now the program is looking to give a second foster care youth the keys to his/her future. The hope for this much needed effort is to award one car each month to a deserving youth moving on to full-time employment and/or an advanced education. Individuals wishing to contribute funds to this important program or a vehicle specifically earmarked for a local teen aging out of the foster care system are encouraged to call Susan Jacobs at Wheels of Success (813) 490-9443.

Founded in 2003, Wheels of Success is Tampa Bay’s only 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing a full range of transportation solutions, including vehicle replacement and car repairs as well as licensing, car payment and down payment assistance to low and moderate income working families. For more information, please visit www.wheelsofsuccess.org.

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