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GTE Financial Presents Car to Mother of a Sick Child Before Christmas

TAMPA, FL (December 17, 2013) – GTE Financial is partnering with Wheels of Success again to grant the Christmas wish of a working single-mother, caring for her sick child.

Karen’s daughter was born with Gastroschisis - a congenital birth defect of the abdomen. She was by her daughter’s side through 2 surgeries over the first month and a half of her life, but as her daughter began to recover, Karen’s car gave out and her ability to support herself and her new family was threatened. GTE Financial and Wheels of Success will help bring stability back to their lives by getting them back on the road this holiday. The vehicle is one of 12 cars Wheels of Success is presenting to working families in the Bay area as a part of its ‘12 Cars of Christmas’ campaign.

GTE Financial CEO & President Joe Brancucci will make the special presentation to Kelly at their corporate headquarters on Tuesday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m. at 711 E. Henderson Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602.

GTE Financial has committed to sponsoring a car every quarter. The Tampa financial institution is working with Wheels of Success on a larger partnership, and an announcement is expected in January on a substantial effort to help even more working families in our community stay self-sufficient and find success.

Wheels of Success Founder and CEO, Susan Jacobs, says “It is because of community partners such as these that we can provide as many vehicles as we do, considering our limited funding and staff. We cannot thank GTE Financial and other community partners enough for their continued support. This delivery is 100% their doing.” Wheels of Success would like to thank Children’s Medical Services for connecting us with Kelly and her family.

[Wheels of Success](http://www.wheelsofsuccess.org) has provided 555 vehicles and an additional 535 auto-related services to Tampa Bay area families since 2003. Visit www.wheelsofsuccess.org or call 813-417-1090 to learn more or to make a donation.

12 Cars of Christmas Presentation Schedule

12/11 – Time 5:00pm - Presentation at Wheels of Success, 5420 W. Cypress St., Tampa , FL
Sponsor – Bank of America **Recipient** – MacDonald Training Center Consumer

12/12 – Time 6:00pm – PRESENTATION OF 3 CARS Gold & Diamond Source, 3800 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater, FL
Sponsor – Hands Across The Bay, Gold & Diamond Source & PNC Bank

12/16 – Time 10:00am - Presentation at Wheels of Success, 5420 W. Cypress St., Tampa , FL

12/17 – Time 10:00am – Presentation at GTE Financial, 711 E. Henderson Ave., Tampa, FL
Sponsor – GTE Financial **Recipient Program** – Road to Independence

12/18 – Time 9:00am – Presentation at Ferman Chevrolet, 9751 East Adamo Drive, Tampa, FL
Sponsor – State Farm **Recipient Program** – Vehicles for Veterans

12/19 – Time 10:00am - Presentation at AAA Auto Club Group, 1515 N. Westshore Blvd, Tampa, FL
Sponsor – AAA Auto Club Group **Recipient Program** – Vehicles for Veterans

12/20 – Time 11:00am – Presentation at Precision Kia, 28555 State Road 54, Wesley Chapel, FL
Sponsor – Precision Kia of Wesley Chapel **Recipient Program** – Cars for Caregivers

12/21 – Time 10:00am - Presentation at Wheels of Success, 5420 W. Cypress St., Tampa , FL
Sponsor – Triad Foundation

12/22 – Time 10:00am - Presentation at Wheels of Success, 5420 W. Cypress St., Tampa , FL
Sponsor – Dana Beck Fancher Foundation

12/23 – Time 11:00am – Presentation at Tyrone Mazda, 3300 Tyrone Blvd. N., St. Petersburg, FL
Sponsor – Tyrone Mazda **Recipient Program** – Vehicles for Veterans

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