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## **Veteran Receives Needed Wheels for the Holidays**

**TAMPA, FL (December 19, 2013)** –AAA Auto Club Group and Wheels of Success will grant the Christmas wish of a local veteran and her family by helping them get back on the road this holiday.

Jamela served with the Army National Guard during Operation Iraqi Freedom, but after returning to the United States she struggled as a single-mother, ending up homeless and in need of support. Jamela found a job as a bus driver with HART in the Bay area, but ironically needs a reliable car to get to work, care for her daughter, and open doors for further career advancement and success.

Jamela is one of 12 working families receiving a car through Wheels of Success' '12 Cars of Christmas' campaign this season. In addition, this is also the twelfth vehicle the organization has presented to a former service member through its *Vehicles for Veterans* program. The program is designed to assist members of our military with personal transportation to ease their transition into the civilian workforce after serving our country.

AAA Auto Club Group will make the special presentation to Jamela on Thursday, December 19, at 10:00 a.m. at their local headquarters, 1515 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33607.

AAA Auto Club Group is a continuing partner with Wheels of Success, not only providing funding, but a first-year membership for all car recipients and towing of all donated vehicles. Founder and CEO of Wheels of Success, 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 our partners enough for their continued support in honoring local veterans. This delivery is 100% their doing." Wheels of Success would like to thank Tampa Crossroads for connecting us with Jamela 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](http://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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