Car breakdowns can cause financial and employment problems for low income families, often to the point of making it too hard for them to get to and from work. For this reason, Catholic Charities offers a program that will assist with the costs of car repairs so that the family’s employment is not jeopardized. Local mechanics and car dealerships have partnered with us by volunteering their time & talents to fix the vehicles, allowing Catholic Charities to bear only the costs of the parts and taxes. In order to receive assistance, an individual:

1. Must be employed or attending employment sponsored job training and need the car to get to and from work or job training.
2. Must be on Food Stamps (SNAP) or prove special need and bring in proof of income (wages, child support if single, Social Security/SSI for all members of the household, etc.) and proof of household expenses.
3. Must bring in car registration, proof of insurance and have a valid license plate on the vehicle.
4. Must be a repair that is needed to keep the vehicle rolling (we don’t fix air conditioners or do oil changes for instance).
5. Must have a repair that will cost less than $500 for the parts and taxes.
6. Cars must be able to get to the dealership/mechanic under their own power or to a private mechanic who agrees to allow it to be towed into the shop if we approve. Private mechanics must be in a legitimate business.

For more information or to apply for services, please contact:

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Can You Repair Vehicles? Volunteer With Us!

Catholic Charities is looking for mechanics that would be willing to donate their time and expertise to assist low income working families with car repairs. Catholic Charities would pay for the parts and taxes needed to fix the vehicles. Please call Jennifer Gaudet to volunteer!