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Goodwill on wheels: 1,000th vehicle donated

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Hunter, who works for Charlotte-Meddenburg Schools, was the 1,000th recipient of a vehicle from Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont's Cars for Work program.

Hunter took delivery of the vehicle Monday
Cars for Work matches donated cars with low-income families who need transportation.

"We are extremely excited to have been able to assist such a large number of people since we started our Cars for Work program in 1998," said Goodwill President Michael Elder.

"Our mission at Goodwill is to change lives through the power of work and providing reliable transportation helps remove one of the major barriers to employment."

The goal of the Cars for Work program is to match recipients with a car in good condition

that will provide basic transportation for two to three years. This gives recipients the opportu-nity to stabilize their families and their employment putting them on the road to a bet-ter future. Having reliable transportation is not only important in a person's ability to get a job, but it also can affect their ability to keep a job.

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The closest bus line to Hunter's home is 4 miles away and she has had to rely on friends for rides. A foster parent, Hunter is also raising her teenage grandson.

Goodwill has received more than 3,400 cars since the program began in 1998. Vehicles that don't make the grade are sold for salvage or auction and Goodwill uses the proceeds to pay for repairs on cars that will be matched with families.

For information about donating a car to Goodwill, visit www.goodwillsp.org or call Goodwill at 704-372-3434.

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Continuing Katrina education

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WASHINGTON — Corey
Dow Sr. is waiting The father
of 9-year-old Corey Jr, who
will be a fourth grader at
Moton Elementary School in
New Orleans this fall, has
begun shopping for school
clothes and conferencing with
teachers. But there's one crucial detail left to resolve. Dew
has been trying to find out,
well, exactly when his son's
school will open.
"They told me 'some time
next week.' I don't know
exactly which day. They don't
really know when some of the

schools are going to open up. They got certain schools opening up on certain days, you know," Dew explains. "And so, right now, I've got to wait for one teacher to call me back because, she said, the school starts next week some time, you know... They're kind of slow and not as informative as they need to be. They're still working on it."

Sure enough, a list of 56 schools posted on the New Orleans public schools Web site, nolapublicschools net, shows Moton as one of three schools listed as "status unknown at this time."

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