



Roberta Brown (left) with Nancy Davis, Truliant Federal Credit Union employee and New Garden Friends Meeting member.

Truliant donates van to evacuee

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Truliant Federal Credit Union donated a 1999 Ford Windstar company van to a single mother whose family has relocated to Greensboro after Hurricane Katrina. The mother and new Truliant member, Roberta Brown, was overwhelmed by the generosity Truliant showed in their attempts to help her and her family get back on their feet.

Roberta, her two grown children, two young grandchildren, and 75-year-old mother, all life-long residents of New Orleans, were relocated to Greensboro by way of their sponsored "care team." New Garden Friends Meeting, through the American Red Cross, Roberta and her family were sent to Lutheran Family Services, where they were assigned their caring sponsor, Nancy Davis, a Truliant Fed-

eral Credit Union employee and member of New Garden Friends Meeting, introduced Roberta's heartbreaking story. "Since Truliant has such a deep passion for community involvement, I knew we would provide an outpouring of support."

Roberta's and her mother's home in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans, an area further damaged by Hurricane Rita, were destroyed by the rising waters along with their car and most of their belongings. Their youngest grandchild suffered her first tragic loss when she watched her teddy bear be swept away by the flood waters of Katrina.

Proving that she is the foundation of her family, without a tear, Roberta shared with us her tribulations in New Orleans, the devastation her family had to face, as well as her determination to build a new life in the Triad.

Much of her composure was lost when she was handed a new teddy bear for her granddaughter and the keys to her new vehicle.

Roberta Brown expressed her gratitude. "Truliant's generosity has really touched my heart, and the gift of the van is a big step in helping my family become self-sufficient again in a new city."

Roberta and her family have recently secured housing in Greensboro, the place they now call home. Her daughter, a sophomore at Xavier University, has transferred to N.C. A&T and is working her same job at Walgreens on Pisgah Church. Roberta worked in the security department at Xavier and is currently seeking work in Greensboro.

The van donation was organized by Thom Beck, the executive vice president of support services of Truliant.



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Kel O'Neill as "Frances" argues with Mo'Nique's character, a DMV clerk with a serious attitude.

Film

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driver's licenses and fake IDs as well as her twin cousins Lashandra (Gray) and Lashindra (Avery). In a bizarre turn, the bounty hunters find themselves tracking the most dangerous fugitives of their careers thanks to the antics of their employer bail bondsman Claremont, who hatches a reckless plan to extricate himself from economic ruin.

Director Tony Scott selected Lindo for the role because of his charm and good looks, not to mention his debonair style. "Delroy is smart and he's got a great sense of humor," said Scott. "And he looks like a ladies' man."

"When I thought of a bail bondsman, I thought of someone seedy," said Lindo. "And when I talked to one myself, while he did acknowledge that people do indeed have that perception, he told me that he saw himself as a go-between and a representative

of people who are in trouble."

Mo'Nique explains, "My character, Lateesha Rodriguez, is the center of the story because the story progresses based on what she does. All of the twists and turns, the ups and downs happen because of her actions. Not that she wants a better life for herself, she just wants money to save her grandbaby. That's what makes Lateesha Rodriguez so special."

When Scott and producer Samuel Hadida were trying to find the right actress for the pivotal role of Lateesha, they looked for a

strong woman with great acting chops as well as excellent comedic timing. Scott invited Hadida to lunch at the Beverly Hills Hotel with Mo'Nique and Hadida was immediately smitten. "Mo'Nique cracked me up," declared Hadida. "She had every waiter laughing, and everyone working at the restaurant was coming up to her. She owned the room, and anyone who could command a room like that could easily handle the DMV and set up a sting operation. I said, 'OK, she's Lateesha!'"

Equal Opportunity Day coming

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Urban League board of directors invites the community to participate in the celebration of Equal Opportunity Day on Friday, Nov. 11, at noon at the Convention Center.

This year's event marks the 57th anniversary of the founding of the Winston-Salem Urban League by James G. Hanes and 60 dynamic leaders of our community. Honorary chairperson Mayor Allen Joines said, "This event is a time when we commemorate the accomplishments the league and the community have made by working together to make a difference."

The Equal Opportunity Celebration theme is "Empowering Communities. Changing Lives." The luncheon will feature Milton Little, who is past vice president of the National Urban League and is currently president of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

In this capacity, Little unites the collective resources of the community to surround children with everything they need to grow to be healthy, productive adults. He is responsible for raising and guiding the investment of more than \$40 million annually in a diverse portfolio of community-based organizations.



Little

A prominent national and community leader, Little's 20 years of experience in the public and private sectors includes creating work-force and educational programs, building national partnerships to fund housing and developing corporate philanthropy and community involvement strategies.

Before joining UWMB as its new president and CEO in June 2004, he served as executive vice president and chief operating officer and interim president and CEO of the National Urban League in New York. In this posi-

tion, he launched innovative partnerships with the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and corporations such as Verizon, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, AT&T, Enterprise Rent a Car and Prudential.

The Equal Opportunity Day event chairpersons and board members, Fran O'Rourke and Stan Sternkowski of the Pepsi Bottling Group, invite the corporate community, human service agencies and all city residents to join the league in celebrating Equal Opportunity Day.

The contribution for the event is \$225 per table of eight and \$30 per person. Proceeds from this event will benefit Urban League programs and services. For tickets and information, call the Urban League at 725-5614.



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Friday, October 28, 2005

7:30 pm

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Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium

Free Admission

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