

DRIVING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Join Us for a Roundtable Discussion on Leveraging Reliable Transportation



DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

TIME: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

HOSTED AT: United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg, 7814 Carousel Lane #400, Henrico VA 23294

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INVITED NONPROFITS (include but not limited to):

Can We Talk Life	Friends Association	OAR of Richmond
Caritas	Goodwill	Office of Community Wealth Building
Circles Ashland/RVA	Housing Affordability for Veterans	ReEstablish Richmond
Compass Christian Church	Humankind	Rework
Dignity of Work	Jewish Family Services	Salvation Army
Dover Baptist Association	Local Initiative Support Corp	SCAN
Family Lifeline	Mechanicsville Christian Center	Southside Community Development & Housing
First Baptist of Ashland	Moment of Hope	United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg
Forward Foundation	Network 2 Work	YWCA

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this roundtable discussion is to forge a collaborative network among support service organizations, fostering partnerships with entities like Mechanics of Faith to streamline the auto repair process for their clients. By convening these specific nonprofits, our aim is to develop a robust referral system/procedure that effectively identifies individuals in need of car repairs, safeguarding their employment. Recognizing reliable transportation as a pivotal factor for regional independence and workforce participation, addressing costly repair bills becomes paramount to preventing a potential downward spiral. Entities like Mechanics of Faith possess the expertise to repair cars but require seamless connections with agencies capable of identifying those in need. Establishing an umbrella system is the proposed solution to enhance the efficiency of nonprofit organizations collaborating with car repair entities. This network promises reduced repair costs, sustained employment and independence for a larger demographic, and referral agencies gaining a valuable resource to support their clients.

ABOUT THE FACILITATORS:

Mechanics of Faith is a nonprofit ministry that believes in keeping families safe by offering low-cost automotive repair service to those in need. The team of technicians – some volunteer, some trainees, some in recovery programs – serviced 186 vehicles last year with an average savings of \$500 per vehicle (repairs are typically 1/3 the cost of tradition shops). Mechanics of Faith is located on Mechanicsville Turnpike and their expanded service will grow to impact 600 people in 2024. For additional information, visit www.Mechanicsofffaith.org or contact Jason Wells at jwells@mechanicsofffaith.org.



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