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On December 16, 2008, two families received early Christmas gifts; the owners of White Auto Body presented them with “new” cars. The Novak family of St. Charles received a 1999 Buick Century and the Payne family of St. Louis County received a 2003 Chevy Cavalier.

Steve and Valerie White, owners of White Auto Body participate in the Acoat Selected National Benevolence Program, which helps deserving individuals or organizations with transportation needs by giving them a refurbished vehicle. The intention of the program is to give someone a hand up, not a handout.

Out of twenty applicants, the Novak and Payne families demonstrated the greatest need for dependable transportation. Mr. and Mrs. Novak are parents of two young sons. They had been sharing one automobile until it was damaged in an accident and not drivable. They continued to work and rode their bicycles to and from their jobs each day. Ms. Payne is the sole support for her and her young daughter. She works two jobs and attends college. She was driving an older automobile that was becoming increasingly unreliable. By receiving newer cars, each family now has better opportunities for success.

When each family acquired their car, they received Christmas presents from White Auto Body employees including gift cards for gasoline and groceries. Technicians also donated their time and performed all needed repairs for each vehicle. White Auto Body paid the inspection, titling, and licensing fees along with the first six months of liability insurance.

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