

COMMUNITY LIVING NORTH HALTON GIFTED MINIVAN BY 3 LOCAL PARTNERS

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Community Living North Halton has received the keys to a new minivan, which will help alleviate some of the pressures associated with the organization's shortage of vehicles.

The refurbished 2012 Chevrolet Grand Caravan has been gifted to Community Living North Halton (CLNH) through a partnership between Georgetown Chevrolet Buick GMC, CARSTAR Collision & Glass Service and Georgetown Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

It all started with a posting on Canadahelps.org, where Linda Hunt, the community partnership manager at CLNH, reached out to the public for help obtaining another van for the organization.

Once Glen McDonald of Georgetown Chevrolet heard about the CLNH's

need for a new vehicle, he reached out to Hunt and the planning began.

Hunt says that though the organization has 30 vans in total, including five wheelchair-accessible vans, it does not mean that those vehicles are available for use at all times, as some break down or require maintenance.

"When one van goes down, it truly impacts an individual's livelihood and well being due to cancellations (and) delays," Hunt said, adding that sometimes the organization is forced to prioritize certain appointments over others.

"It goes back to prioritizing. So a medical appoint-

ment will take priority over an outing to the movies, so then unfortunately sometimes that happens," she said. "If a van breaks down and we don't have the modes, we have to prioritize what is the higher need."

She added that sometimes CLNH orders taxis in order to fulfil their transportation needs, but there are certain areas the taxis will not cover, making their new van a crucial addition for the organization.

CLNH has an ongoing need for both wheelchair-accessible vans and regular vans. For further information about the organization and what they do, visit <https://clnh.on.ca/>.

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