

Car ownership programs can help transform a person's life. Read how one program changed one man's life for the better.

Car Ownership Program Helps Pipefitter Land Work

In 2012, [Vehicles for Change](#) (VFC) provided Donald Coleman with a '97 Ford Escort station wagon that changed his life. STRIVE, a Baltimore-based job readiness program, referred Coleman to VFC after he successfully completed a three-week training course and obtained a job offer to work as a pipefitter at an engineering and construction company. Because the job required the ability to travel to various construction sites, the position was contingent on Coleman's ability to provide his own transportation. VFC awarded Coleman his Ford Escort on February 21, 2012. He drove himself home that day, and to work the next morning.



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