

## Highland County Community Action – Car Repair Program Outcomes and Successes

### Outcomes:

**111** Total Vehicles Repaired

**92** Clients Maintained Employment Post-Participation in Car Repair Program

**10** Clients Obtained Employment Post-Participation in Car Repair Program

### Successes:

- Leah is a single mother and works at a preschool teaching sign language to the kids. Leah didn't have the money to make repairs to her car and pay her bills. Leah was very thankful that the Car Repair Program was here and she was able to utilize it so she could get her car fixed and keep her job.
- Breanna needed a car repair as she is a mobile phlebotomist and uses her car daily for her job. She could not afford a car repair and pay her bills. Through the Car Repair Program, Breanna was able to have the much needed car repairs done and continue to work.
- Jacob came into the office in December of 2024, as he was just getting back to work after he and his girlfriend had a premature baby, who had to stay in the hospital for a few months. During that time, he and his girlfriend stayed at the Ronald McDonald house to be close to their son. Since Jacob was able to go back to work after they brought their baby home, he was in need of a car repair so he could continue to provide for his family. He was able to have his car repaired at no expense to him and his family with the help of this program!
- Joshua works as a tow truck driver and needed a repair to his own vehicle, but could not afford it as his wife stays home with their two kids. Joshua was able to have the repair done through the program and keep his job.
- Roger and his wife needed a car repair so Roger could continue to work and pay the bills as his wife did not work. Roger couldn't afford the needed repairs with the pay at his job. Roger was able to get help through the car repair program and continue to drive to work after the car repair.
- Damitra came in asking for a car repair as she is the sole provider for her children and a single parent. Damitra's daughter is disabled and Damitra has to take her daughter to Children's Hospital for her checkups and medical procedures. Damitra was able to have her van repaired and found a

new job where she was able to be paid full time to take care of her disabled child.

- Jaymara needed a car repair as she was newly separated from her spouse and providing for her children. Jaymara had just started working and did not have the money to pay for the repair. The car repair program was able to fix Jaymara's car so she could continue to get to her new job.
- Tracy applied for the car repair program as she works a minimum wage job and could not afford a car repair being a single parent. Tracy was able to have the much needed car repair and continue to work and pay her bills.
- Yolanda came through the car repair program needing repairs to her car due to making enough money solely to afford basic needs. Yolanda had just lost her daughter a few months before applying for the program, and was still trying to pay funeral bills as well as help take care of her grandkids. The car repair program was able to help her get the repairs needed so Yolanda could focus on healing and providing for herself and for her grandchildren.
- Dora needed repairs to her car, but couldn't afford them due to being a single mother of 4 children. Residents of rural and Appalachian counties, such as Dora, oftentimes have to drive further from home to find a job that pays a living wage. Due to this program, Dora was able to have her vehicle repaired and continue working at her job.
- Michael is a veteran who is in recovery from a substance use disorder. He applied for the car repair program to have much needed repairs, and have secure and reliable transportation in order to obtain employment. He was able to have his car repaired and find a new job in his field of interest, supporting his lifestyle in recovery.
- Misty is a married mother of 6 that needed car repairs , but couldn't afford them at the time she came into the Highland County OhioMeansJobs office. She was able to have the needed repairs done, and due to the co-enrollment of the Car Repair Program with WIOA, she went through the WIOA program to earn her STNA license and become employed at a job utilizing this certification.
- Brandi came into the office for car repairs. She is a single mother of 4 children and working a minimum wage job, so she didn't have the funds to have the car repairs done. After enrolling in this program, she was able to keep her job and not stress about how she was going to pay for the repairs.

- Virgie came through the car repair program needing repairs as she uses her car to get to her clients' homes. Virgie was able to have the repairs done and continue working.
- Richard was needing car repairs as he is a delivery driver and uses his vehicle for his job. He was able to have repairs made and continue to work at his delivery job.
- Krista came in needing car repairs as she is a single person. She was working full time and driving to Dayton to babysit her grandchildren when her daughter was at work as well and could not pay her bills and make the needed repairs. The repairs were made and she was able to keep her job and keep helping her daughter by providing daycare for her grandchildren.
- Shelby came in needing repairs to her car as she had obtained a new job and training was getting ready to take place and she had no way to get there till the repairs were completed. Repairs were completed and Shelby was able to drive to the new job in a different city and work.
- Vivica needed car repairs, but couldn't afford to have them done as she and her husband take care of their grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was able to have her car repaired and continue to get to her day job to be able to continue helping her children and grandchildren.