

# Good News Garage



A Program of Lutheran Social Services

Thank you for your interest in Good News Garage. We are very excited by our recent national coverage and the generous gift of ten 2008 Chevy Impalas by Hendrickcars.com. The cars will be provided to individuals and families in need throughout New England who meet all eligibility requirements, included but not limited to: a) full-time employment, b) a difficult commute and c) the financial capacity to own and maintain a vehicle.

If you are interested in applying for one of these cars, fill out the attached application in full and send it the office in your state that listed below **by August 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## **Please include the following with your application:**

- Copy of your driver's license
- Copy of a recent pay stub (or multiple pay stubs if you have more than one job)
- A letter in your own words stating your need for a car
- We also recommend that you submit a letter of support from a caseworker, civic leader in your community, a representative of a faith-based organization, or other non-relative. This is not a requirement.

Good News Garage will select a small number of applicants to supply additional application criteria, including but not limited to a verification of employment and driver history. Please note that the client is financially responsible for: auto insurance, DMV/RMV registration fees, state sales tax (if applicable), state inspection (if applicable), state excise taxes, regular maintenance and fuel. It is estimated that the annual cost of owning one of these cars could be \$2,000-3,000.

The tentative timeline for this application process is as follows:

- Applications will be accepted until August 21<sup>st</sup>
- Special committees will review applications
- Verification and follow-up with final candidates will take place in August and September
- Cars will be delivered in September and October

You may fax or mail the application and other required documents **by August 21<sup>st</sup>** to the Good News Garage office in your state.

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*Good News Garage, a program of Lutheran Social Services, is a nonprofit social enterprise car donation program featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, NBC's Today Show and in People Magazine. The mission of Good News Garage is to provide safe, reliable and affordable transportation options to families in need to access employment. Unlike the vast majority of car donation programs, the goal of Good News Garage is to repair as many donated cars as possible. Since 1996, Good News Garage has awarded more than 3,200 cars throughout New England! To learn more or to donate a car, visit [www.GoodNewsGarage.org](http://www.GoodNewsGarage.org).*

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## Application for 2008 Chevy Impala

### About You

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State of License: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Adults in Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Children in Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

### About Your Job

Name of your Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Location (town): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Hours Worked per Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Earned per Hour: \_\_\_\_\_

### Why You Need a Car

What best describes your transportation needs to work? (check all that pertain to you)

Bus takes more than 1 hr. each way     Bus requires at least 2 transfers each way     Work 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift  
 No public transportation is available     Must go to different locations for job

Do you need a vehicle for other needs as well? (check all that pertain to you)

Medical needs in the family     Take children to child care     Volunteer work  
 Help family members other than children     Education such as college or training

Additional reasons: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### About Your Driving

Do you currently have a car registered or insured in your name? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what kind of car? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, why are you applying to Good News Garage? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you owned a car in the past? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what happened to it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you know of any outstanding taxes, insurance obligations or DMV/RMV issues that would prevent you from registering a car and obtaining auto insurance? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Your Monthly Household Budget

Please indicate your household's monthly income and expenses.

### INCOME

Employment (monthly net or take-home pay after taxes)	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ _____
Cash Assistance from the state (TFA/TANF)	\$ _____
Disability (SSI/SSDI)	\$ _____
Section 8 or Assistance with Rent/Mortgage	\$ _____
Utility Assistance (Electricity/Water)	\$ _____
Food Stamps or "SNAP"	\$ _____
Child Care Assistance	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____

### TOTAL INCOME

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### EXPENSES

Mortgage Payment or Rent	\$ _____
Heat	\$ _____
Electric	\$ _____
Water / Sewer	\$ _____
Telephone	\$ _____
Cell Phone	\$ _____
Cable TV and/or Internet	\$ _____
Monthly Groceries (food, toiletries, diapers)	\$ _____
Education	\$ _____
Medical Expenses	\$ _____
Child Support Payments	\$ _____
Child Care Cost - Monthly	\$ _____
Credit Card Payments	\$ _____
Bus or Train Pass – Monthly	\$ _____
Clothing (average family need per month)	\$ _____
Entertainment (movies, dining out, magazines, etc.)	\$ _____
Spending Money (cigarettes, coffee, candy, nails & hair, etc.)	\$ _____
'08 Impala Insurance (Estimate: \$190 per month)	\$ 190
'08 Impala Gas (Estimate: \$120 per month)	\$ 120
'08 Impala Repairs (Estimate: \$50 per month)	\$ 50
Other _____	\$ _____

### TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Balance left over at the end of the month

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(total income minus total expenses)

*I certify that all of the information provided herein was provided by me and is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that some of the information provided may need to be verified and discussed with another agency, caseworker, employer and/or references, and I give Good News Garage permission to do so, if necessary. I authorize Good News Garage staff to verify my driving history, registration history and any outstanding property taxes in my state. If selected to be awarded a car, I grant Good News Garage and Lutheran Social Services permission to use my name, story, quotes and/or photographs in any and all marketing materials to promote Good News Garage and its mission, and I do so without request or expectation for any compensation and for an indefinite period of time from this day forward.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_