



RoNetco Supermarkets and Hinkley Auto Sales have teamed up to provide newly-refurbished vans to two families served by Project Self-Sufficiency, a local non-profit agency which specializes in services for low-income families. The vans were previously owned by RoNetco Supermarkets and had been used by the firm for company business. After being taken out of service, the vans were thoroughly detailed by Hinkley Auto Sales and then donated to Project Self-Sufficiency, who chose Trina Murphy and Lisa Griffen to receive the free vans based on need.

“It is extremely difficult to function as a family in our area without access to a reliable vehicle,” commented Deborah Berry-Toon, Executive Director of Project Self-Sufficiency. “These families were in desperate need of cars, and we are delighted to be able to pass these vans along to them. RoNetco Supermarkets is a partner in caring for their neighbors’ families, homes and communities. We are tremendously grateful to RoNetco Supermarkets and Hinkley Auto Sales for their role in this effort. Project Self-Sufficiency has been fortunate to be the recipient of several vehicles from area businesses, and we will continue to welcome the donation of good quality, pre-owned vehicles from our neighbors for families in need.”

When she learned that she had been selected to receive a van, Project Self-Sufficiency participant Trina Murphy was relieved. Trina works locally and has a young daughter who is active in extracurricular activities. After her previous car broke down, she had been relying on rides from friends to get herself to work, and her daughter to various extracurricular activities. “I am trying to keep my daughter active and that is hard to do in Sussex County without a car. I am grateful and happy.”

Christine Foster, Communications and Training Coordinator at RoNetco Supermarkets, stated, “This is the third time we have donated vehicles to Project Self-Sufficiency. These are corporate vehicles used for operational support and there is still a lot of life left in these cars. There is no reason why someone who is simply trying to get to work can’t have a safe, reliable vehicle. They’re in good shape and they are vans, so for a single mom with kids, it makes a big difference. It’s a win-win situation for everyone.”

Lisa Griffen, the mother of 2 young, active children, is overwhelmed that she was chosen to receive a car, noting that the size of the vehicle will allow her to take her children to the park with their bikes stowed safely inside. “It’s a godsend,” Lisa noted emphatically as she surveyed her new car.

Hinkley Auto Sales has contributed detailing services for donated cars to Project Self-Sufficiency in the past. “Although I am not a woman, I have an understanding of what it would be like to have this burden cast upon you,” commented John Mathews, Partner at Hinkley Auto Sales in Montague and an ardent supporter of Project Self-Sufficiency. “So keep up the good work and we will do whatever we can to help you folks.”

To donate a car to Project Self-Sufficiency, or to find out more about the programs and services available at the agency, call 973-940-3500.



Project Self-Sufficiency participants Trina Murphy and Lisa Griffen received free vans courtesy of RoNetco Supermarkets, represented by Christine Foster, and Hinkley Auto Sales, represented by owners John Mathews and Nelson Hinkley.