

# TRANSPORTATION AND POVERTY

Access to reliable transportation has a direct impact on a person's ability to obtain a job, access healthy food, access educational opportunities, and move out of poverty.

## GNG Stats:

**70%** of clients surveyed said their household income increased after receiving a GNG car.

**56%** of clients surveyed are no longer receiving government assistance (excluding food stamps).

**53%** of GNG clients have pursued educational achievements that would not have been possible without their GNG vehicle.

**63%** of clients said that their GNG car has allowed their children to participate in more after-school activities

## About Good News Garage:

The mission of Good News Garage is to create economic opportunity by providing affordable and reliable transportation options to people in need.

## Data from Partners and Publications:

"Between 2000 and 2012, the number of suburban poor living in distressed neighborhoods grew by 139 percent—almost three times the pace of growth in cities... As transportation costs continue to rise, poor households will have an increasing burden with expenses that are necessary to meet basic needs and improve quality of life."

*Federal Highway Association*

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## Data from Partners and Publications Cont'd:

"The average American household spends approximately 18 percent of its income on transportation, and lower-income families spend as much as 33 percent. In their search for lower-cost housing, working families often locate far from their place of work, dramatically increasing their transportation costs and commute times and creating a market for continued sprawl."

*Federal Transit Administration*

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A study conducted in 2017 by the Bureau of Improvement and Integrity (BII) in New Hampshire found that more than 50% of NH residents on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) who received a car from Good News Garage were able to find jobs, allowing them to move off TANF. The monthly average of TANF recipients who find employment, allowing them to go off TANF is only 13%. Having a reliable vehicle from Good News Garage resulted in a 38% increase in the likelihood that TANF recipients would become employed and move off state assistance.

*The Bureau of Improvement and Integrity*

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