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MCCAA Helps Mount Juliet Mother Become Self-Sufficient

LEBANON – By helping Stacy Odom of Mount Juliet purchase a reliable automobile, Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency is enabling another Middle Tennessee family to become self-sufficient.

“MCCAA programs are designed to give those in need the tools and resources they need to become productive members of society,” said Kreda Yokley, the non-profit agency’s executive director.

“Our Transportation Down-Payment Assistance Program helps our clients buy a reliable vehicle to get to and from work. They save up money for a down payment, and then the agency contributes toward the purchase of the vehicle.”

Since 1971, MCCAA has provided a number of home energy assistance, medical support, transportation, rental, mortgage and utility assistance, and nutritional services to Middle Tennessee families. Agency programs include Head Start and Early Head Start, Self-Sufficiency and Income Tax Preparation. The agency services eight Mid-State counties, which include Cannon, Cheatham, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson and Wilson.

“This has been a blessing for me,” said Odom, a mother of two who works for the agency’s commodity-food program. “I originally came here hoping to get help with my electric bill and to also see if they could help me find a job.

“Being without a car was really tough on me and my family. But they worked with me and helped me buy a good car. This agency has been a godsend to me.

“The people I’ve encountered here have been really sweet. They actually care about you and do all they can to help.”

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For additional information about the services provided by Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency, contact the following locations: Cannon County (Community Center, 630 West Lehman Street, Woodbury, phone:615-563-5852); Cheatham County (296 Frey Street, Ashland City, phone:615-792-3632); Robertson County (401 North Main Street, Springfield, phone:615-384-1086); Rutherford County (Bradley Academy, 415 South Academy Street, phone:615-893-8938 or 895-3093); Sumner County (179 West Smith Street, Gallatin, phone:615-452-7570); Trousdale County (113 C Hall Street, Hartsville, phone:615-374-3489); Williamson County (Community Services Building, 129 West Fowlkes Street, Suite 103, Franklin, phone:615-790-5786 or 790-5789); and Wilson County (233 Legend Drive, Suite 103, Lebanon, phone:615-444-4714).

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Editor's note: This press release is accompanied by a digital photo that has been attached to the original e-mail.

Photo cutline: Stacy Odom, left, and Gayla Brooks of MCCA's Wilson County office admire the 1997 Geo Prism that Odom was able to buy through the agency's Transportation Down-Payment Assistance Program.