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Local Veteran Receives Donated Vehicle in Special Presentation to Thank and Honor Servicemen

*Caliber Collision and Farmers Insurance partner in program
to help veterans by providing refurbished vehicles*

Houston, TX – May 2, 2012 – For many veterans, assimilating back into civilian life is sometimes a struggle. As a way to thank and honor their service, Caliber Collision Centers and Farmers Insurance have teamed up through a nationwide program called Recycled Rides to donate a refurbished vehicle to a local Houston-area veteran.

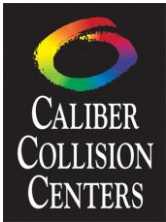
Michael Ryan Lease, was presented with keys and title to a 2004 Volkswagen Jetta, Wednesday, May 2, at 1:00 pm, at Caliber Collision's The Woodlands center.

After serving four years in the army, from 2003-2007, Lease has struggled emotionally and financially. Lack of reliable transportation has made it difficult for him to find steady employment. He recently landed a full-time position with an industrial painting company but has to borrow a car or arrange rides to get to work. Finding transportation is equally challenging for Lease as he tries to spend as much time as possible with his three young children, ages 5-9.

Lease was nominated for the Recycled Rides vehicle by ReserveAid, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to military families.

"Too many times, the men and women called to protect our country suffer financial burdens before, during and especially, after their service," said Michael Quinn, Caliber Collision Vice President of Industry & Community Relations. "Our purpose day in and day out at Caliber is 'restoring our customers to the rhythm of their lives.' We hope this vehicle acts as a catalyst that restores Michael back to the rhythm of his life."

"We truly appreciate the sacrifices that individuals like Michael Lease have made on behalf of our country," said Odom Wu, National Director of Auto Specialty Claims for Farmers Insurance. "Giving back to the community is important to us and we are proud to partner with Caliber Collision to provide a helping hand to those in need."



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Farmers Insurance donated the vehicle and Caliber Collision provided the resources and services to refurbish it for Michael Lease.

Recycled Rides is a nationwide program of auto body repairers collaborating with insurers, parts suppliers and other vendors to refurbish and donate vehicles to needy families. Caliber Collision technicians and other staff members donated their time to fix the vehicle as well as collect gifts for Lease and his family.

This vehicle is the 7th vehicle out of 12 or more that Caliber plans to donate this year across California, Texas, Nevada and Arizona.

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