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Two Struggling Tucson Families to Receive Keys to Newly Refurbished Vehicles in Surprise Presentation

GIECO/Caliber Collision Recycled Rides Presentation:

<u>Thursday, June 26 at 9:00 am</u> GEICO Regional Offices, 930 N. Finance Center Drive, Tucson, AZ

TUCSON, AZ (June 24, 2014) – Two Tucson residents who have been struggling with daily transportation challenges will be surprised with keys to newly refurbished vehicles at the 2nd annual GEICO/Caliber Recycled Rides presentation at 9:00 am, Thursday, June 26, at GEICO offices.

The two GEICO/Caliber Recycled Rides recipients were selected from nominations submitted from the Tucson community. An independent review committee comprised of community leaders made the final selections. The 2014 Caliber Collision/GEICO Recycled Rides recipients are:

- Lorraine Aguirre, who as a teenager, assumed responsibilities to care and raise her young brother when their mother died of cancer, and then a few years ago, also lost their father who died unexpectedly.
- **Ibraham Ali**, a refugee from Somalia, who has settled in Tucson, with goals and plans to provide a better quality of life for his wife and five children.

Caliber Collision's Recycled Rides program partners with insurance companies to refurbish and donate vehicles to individuals and service organizations in need. Vehicles for this upcoming Recycled Rides in Tucson were donated by GEICO and refurbished by Caliber Collision associates who volunteered their personal time and effort to repair the vehicles.





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"The response to our call for nominations was overwhelming," said Mitch McMaster, Vice President of Operations for Caliber Collision. "We are happy to partner once again with GEICO to restore the rhythm of two families' lives in the Tucson community."

Martha Furnas, Regional Vice President for GEICO added, "We hope these vehicles will ease the burden of transportation and serve as the catalyst that helps our recipients get through their challenges and on the road to a positive future."

Local businesses and organizations in the community also contributed to the Recycled Rides program by donating gift items for the recipient families. Car seats were donated by the Ride Kids Safe program sponsored by GEICO.

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