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## **Gift of Reliable Transportation Helps U.S. Army Veteran Rebuild Life, Reunite with Family**

*Caliber Collision Recycled Rides vehicle to be presented:*

*Wednesday, June 25 at 11:00 am*

*Caliber Collision, 7407 Roseville Rd., Sacramento, CA*

**SACRAMENTO, CA (June 23, 2014)** – A local U.S. Army veteran determined to rebuild his life after several years of being homeless and jobless has been selected to receive a newly refurbished vehicle as part of a Caliber Collision's Recycled Rides program.

Caliber Collision's Recycled Rides program partners with insurance companies to refurbish and donate vehicles to individuals in need. Nationwide Insurance donated the vehicle which was refurbished by Caliber associates who volunteered personal time to repair the vehicles as a way to give back to the communities they serve.

Hector Ponce had hit rock bottom when he first came to the Sacramento Veterans Resource Center for help. He was estranged from his family without a job or place to live. According to case managers who nominated him for the Recycled Rides vehicle, once Hector enrolled in the program, he immediately began doing everything in his power to turn his life around. After facing a tough economy and bleak job market, he recently was offered a part time catering position.

Hector has also reunited with his family and endures a grueling five-hour commute by light rail, bus and train, from Sacramento to San Jose, to visit his family. According to Hector, his ultimate goal is to give his family the support that has been lacking for many years.



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“We commend Hector for his perseverance and commitment to build a better life for himself and his family,” said David Goldstein, Caliber Collision Senior Vice President of Operations. “We hope this gift of reliable transportation makes it easier for Hector to commute to his job, visit his family more frequently and get back to the rhythm of his life both personally and professionally.”

“Nationwide Insurance has a proud history of giving back to our local communities,” said Ramon Jones, regional vice president Nationwide. “We want to thank Hector for his service to our country and are honored to be a part of this Recycled Rides presentation to a U.S. military veteran in need.”

This is the 8<sup>th</sup> Recycled Rides vehicle donated this year by Caliber Collision, which plans to donate more than 20 vehicles in 2014.

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