

## Transportation Relief for Family of 10-year-old with Rare Progressive Disease

**RIVERSIDE, CA (April 20, 2016)** – Since being diagnosed six years ago with severe scleroderma, a rare and progressively debilitating disease, 10-year-old Sofia Rubio has logged thousands of miles for frequent medical treatments, hospitalizations, doctor visits and ongoing therapy. So much so that the Rubio family's vehicle finally gave out.

Transportation relief came today when Sonia and her family received keys to a completely refurbished vehicle from Caliber Collision-Riverside Downtown and GEICO Insurance through the the National Auto Body Council's Recycled Rides™ program . Through Recycled Rides, collision industry companies team up to repair and donate cars to families in need. The vehicle was donated by GEICO and repaired by Caliber Collision technicians who donated their personal time as a community service.

With limited income, the Rubios have been unable to afford a second vehicle and the family of five has been struggling to manage every day routines such as going to school, work, and grocery shopping as well as frequent medical appointments for Sofia. Despite the severity of her illness and disability, Sofia has maintained a positive outlook and has fought to stay in school, winning annual awards for her academics.

The Rubio Family was nominated for the Recycled Rides program by Loma Linda Children's Hospital. This is the fourth time Caliber Collision has partnered with the hospital to provide a car to a family in desperate need of reliable transportation.

In the past several years, Caliber Collision has donated over 80 Recycled Rides vehicles across the U.S. in support of those in need.

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