

Trinity Donates Wheelchair Van to Disabled Child

At the Haverhill Exchange Club meeting on August 4th, Trinity EMS surprised 8-year-old Joey Miller and his family with a fully-equipped, handicapped-accessible van. It replaces the vehicle they've been using for the past several years, which has gone 225,000 miles and has a lift that frequently breaks down. Joey suffers from a form of muscular dystrophy and relies on an electric wheel chair to get around. The new vehicle is a 2006 handicapped-accessible van that was taken from Trinity's own fleet.



"I'm in total shock. This is absolutely amazing," said Eric Miller, Joey's father. "I'm totally blown away."

Gene Defosses of Salem, a friend of the Millers, played a key role in the donation. He knew the Miller's van was on its last legs. He contacted his friend Tim Rock, head of the Lawrence Exchange Club, thinking he might organize a fundraiser. Rock, in turn, got in touch with the Haverhill Exchange Club and that's how Trinity President John Chemaly found out about the need.

"When I heard out about the family and their situation, I knew Trinity had to get involved," said Chemaly. "Joey's perseverance and positive attitude are an inspiration to us all and I'm glad we could help him and his family."

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