

CARSTAR Berlin Partners with Progressive® Insurance to Donate Vehicles to Local Veterans

Berlin, CT (Nov. 2, 2015) – This Veterans Day, two veterans and their families received the keys to newly-refurbished vehicles as part of The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies' third annual Keys to Progress® event. The vehicle giveaways took place on November 11th at Progressive's Service Center in Newington. Regularly used as one-stop facilities where Progressive handles claims and coordinates repairs for customers, on Veterans Day, the Service Center served a different purpose. Several organizations, including CARSTAR, Berlin, partnered with Progressive to make Keys to Progress a reality, including the National Auto Body Council (NABC), CARSTAR, Berlin, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Veracity Research Investigations Inc. (VRC), and 1-800-Charity Cars.

For the annual program, Progressive works with local NABC member body shops to recycle and donate vehicles that have been involved or recovered in a claim. They've been restored for the veterans as an extension of the NABC Recycled Rides® program. At more than 130 vehicles, it is once again the single largest one-day vehicle donation for the program, exceeding last year's record donation of 117 cars. Since the start of the Keys to Progress event and including this year, Progressive has donated considerable time and resources to provide more than 300 deserving military families and organizations with reliable transportation.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, approximately four in 10 veterans live in rural areas where available transportation options are limited, and where it's necessary for them to travel great distances to receive medical care, reach employment centers, and access other services. The continued expansion of the Progressive Keys to Progress event provides direct assistance to veterans and their families to provide reliable transportation so they can get back on the road faster and move forward in life.

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