

Philanthropist issues challenge to support car donation program

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The first 10 people to donate a used car to the Bucks County Opportunity Council's Wheelz2Work program will have a \$1,000 charitable donation made in their name by the Gene and Marlene Epstein Humanitarian Fund.

Philanthropist Gene Epstein is offering a \$1,000 donation to the charity of a donor's choice in exchange for the donation of a car to the Bucks County Opportunity Council's Wheelz2Work program.

Epstein, of the Gene and Marlene Epstein Humanitarian Fund, designed Wheelz2Work, and will make the donations on behalf of first 10 people who donate a car to the program before the end of the year.

Since the program started years ago, over 450 families' lives were changed for the better. The Opportunity Council has received more than 50 donated cars for the program and turned them over to help clients on the road to economic self-sufficiency. In some cases, the car has made the difference between getting a new job or not.

"I think if you have an old car, you should really consider this opportunity," said Epstein. "Donating a car like this will change a life; we have already changed countless lives in Bucks County with BCOC and we would like to do 10 more before the end of 2019.

"Our program is one of only a handful in the USA where you get a full retail value donation based on book value of your car since it goes to the recipient, plus you get a bonus donation made in your name to your favorite charity. It's a win,

win.”

All cars are evaluated by mechanics who have partnered with BCOC on this project before being accepted as a donation.

For more information about the program or how to donate a car, contact Eileen Albillar at 215-345-8175 x 209 or at ealbillar@bcoc.org