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## <u>Vehicles for Change's 5th Annual Custom Cars Cocktail and Change Fundraising Gala</u> <u>Aims to End Generational Poverty</u>

Halethorpe, MD. (October 10, 2023) – Baltimore-based nonprofit, Vehicles for Change (VFC) will host its 5<sup>th</sup> **Annual Custom Cars Cocktail and Change** signature fundraiser on **Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 6 pm to 9 pm.** The evening will be a semi-formal masquerade gala, and all proceeds will help to develop reliable transportation for working families and automotive training for returning citizens. The event will take place at the VFC Halethorpe location, 4111 Washington Blvd, Halethorpe, MD.

All attending will enjoy sit-down dining, live music, a silent auction, and classic and unique cars on display. The evening will also feature a car award ceremony for a deserving low-income family and the Full Circle Graduate of the Year award presentation.

"I know first-hand Vehicles for Change 'Changes' peoples' lives in ways that most may not ever imagine," said Davine Ligons Snead, VP of Development and 2007 car award recipient. "This annual fundraiser helps to ensure this mission continues to help end generational poverty."

Vehicles for Change is proud to recognize CFC Bank as the esteemed Title Signature Sponsor, and WesBanco as our dedicated Mobility Sponsor. A host of other companies have generously stepped up to support the mission, showcasing the community's unwavering commitment to VFC's mission.

For over twenty years, VFC has worked to break the chains of generational poverty by providing mobility to families and a second chance to returning citizens. VFC has awarded almost 8,000 vehicles to low-income families, giving them access to better employment, better healthcare, and more quality time with family. The Full Circle Auto Repair and Training Program has trained more than 200 interns to become ASE student-trained auto technicians.

Tickets are still available for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Custom Cars Cocktail and Change. Purchase tickets today to join us for an exciting evening that will bring socially conscious community leaders, industry professionals, caring citizens, and die-hard car enthusiasts together for a common cause.

https://vehiclesforchange.salsalabs.org/c4vfc2023/index.html

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## **About Vehicles for Change**

Vehicles for Change's (VFC) vision is to create a just world where everyone has equitable access to life's opportunities.

VFC empowers families with financial challenges to achieve economic and personal independence through car ownership and technical training. VFC accepts and repairs donated cars and awards them to pre-qualified families for as little as \$950, enabling low-income families to become self-sufficient. Eligible families are referred to VFC through partnering social service-type agencies. As a nonprofit organization, VFC receives 99 percent of its car donations from the public. Since 1999, VFC has awarded almost 8,000 vehicles to low-income families, changing the lives of more than 26,000 people. Our Full

Circle Auto Repair and Training Center is an employer-driven, paid internship social enterprise designed to provide auto technician training to individuals with multiple barriers to employment, including many recently released from incarceration. The interns repair the donated vehicles as a part of their hands-on training. VFC car donors gain a substantial tax advantage unavailable to most other charities. For additional information about Vehicles for Change or to donate a vehicle, visit <a href="https://www.vehiclesforchange.org">www.vehiclesforchange.org</a> or call 410-242-9674.

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