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## **Local Businesses Jump Start Holiday Season with Gift of Transportation to a Wounded Warrior**

**STERLING, Va (December 2, 2015)** – The holiday giving season started early this year for a wounded warrior recovering at Ft. Belvoir from injuries suffered while on active duty in Afghanistan.

As a thank you for his service to our country, Tim Goodrich was presented today with keys to a newly refurbished 2013 Toyota Sienna minivan from Caliber Collision in Sterling and GEICO as part of the National Auto Body Council's Recycled Rides™ program.

Recycled Rides is a nationwide community service program in which collision repair companies, insurers and others in the collision industry collaborate to repair and donate vehicles to families in need. GEICO donated the vehicle and technicians at Caliber Collision donated their personal time as a community service.

Goodrich suffered severe leg injuries, a shattered jaw and traumatic brain injury in a rocket explosion in Afghanistan in February this year and is expected to be medically retired next month. Transportation has been a major concern for the family. Their current vehicle, a 2000 Ford Explorer with high mileage and in constant need of expensive repairs, is not reliable and not large enough to accommodate Tim, his wife Jacqueline, two young daughters in car seats, and soon, a service dog for Tim. In addition, with his leg injuries, riding in a small vehicle is uncomfortable and painful for Tim.

“At Caliber Collision, our highest purpose is to restore our customers and the communities we serve to the rhythm of their lives. We are honored to provide this vehicle to ease the burden of transportation for Tim and his family and wish him well with his recovery and transition back into civilian life,” said Paul Krauss, Caliber Collision Vice President of Operations.

Goodrich was nominated for the Recycled Rides vehicle by Operation Homefront which helps provide emergency financial and other assistance to the families of service members and wounded warriors.

“The Recycled Rides program provides us with a unique way to say thank you to Tim for his 11 years of service to our country,” said “Bryan Maringoni, GEICO regional auto damage director. “GEICO has a proud history of supporting our local communities and we’re pleased to work with Caliber Collision on this program which enables us to give back to a U.S. military service member.”

In the past three years, Caliber Collision has donated more than 75 Recycled Rides vehicles nationwide. Caliber plans on donating more than 25 vehicles in 2015 to individuals in need as a way to give back to the communities that Caliber serves.

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### **About Caliber Collision Centers**

Caliber Collision is one of the largest collision repair companies in America with 344 I-CAR Gold Class Professional certified collision repair centers across 13 states. Caliber is consistently ranked among the highest customer satisfaction scores in the industry and backs all repair work with a written, lifetime warranty available at any of its 344 repair centers. For more information about Caliber Collision, please visit our website at [www.calibercollision.com](http://www.calibercollision.com) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

### **About GEICO**

GEICO (Government Employees Insurance Company) is a member of the Berkshire Hathaway family of companies and is the second-largest private passenger auto insurance company in the United States. GEICO, which was founded in 1936, provides millions of auto insurance quotes to U.S. drivers annually. The company is pleased to serve more than 13 million private passenger customers, insuring more than 22 million vehicles (auto & cycle).

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GEICO also provides insurance quotes on motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), boats, travel trailers and motorhomes (RVs). Coverage for life, homes and apartments is written by non-affiliated insurance companies and is secured through the GEICO Insurance Agency, Inc. Commercial auto insurance and personal umbrella protection are also available.



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## **About Operation Homefront**

A national nonprofit, Operation Homefront leads more than 2,500 volunteers with nationwide presence who provide emergency and other financial assistance to the families of service members and wounded warriors. Operation Homefront has provided assistance to thousands of military families since its inception in 2002. Recognized for superior performance by leading independent charity watchdog groups, nationally, 92 percent of Operation Homefront's expenditures go directly to programs that provide support to our military families. For more information, go to [www.OperationHomefront.net](http://www.OperationHomefront.net).