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NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARITABLE CHARIOTS HELP GROWING ASHTON FAMILY

Northwest Iowa Community College students in the Skills USA “Charitable Chariots” program donate a refurbished vehicle to an Ashton family recently.

Dana Burkett, mother of two and expecting her third child in October was presented with the keys to a 1998 Chevy S-10 Blazer that was donated to NCC by Dr. Bill Giddings, NCC President Emeritus and his wife Jean. Giddings stated, “The Charitable Chariots program is one of the greatest programs that NCC has started, and with the Blazer donation the students can help better somebody else’s life.”

The parts and repairs were sponsored by NCC students, faculty and staff through a Giving Tree program earlier this year. The Diesel Technology students also donated two \$50 gas cards to the Burkett family.

Burkett was selected by Upper Des Moines Opportunity, O’Brien County Outreach Office as the fitting recipient for the vehicle. Laurie Ruf, Center Director from Upper Des Moines Opportunity stated, “Thank you to NCC for providing this vehicle for a family in need. Having reliable transportation allows her to have a job and provide for her family.”

Burkett’s last vehicle had both the engine and transmission go out and with limited resources she was unable to purchase a different one. Her family was relying on family and friends for transportation.

Burkett commented, “I feel overwhelmed, it is a great thing for my family.”

Kyle Techen, Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology student from Hull said, “It is amazing to see the happy family.”