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## Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley and Westlake Independent Honda & Acura Service Team Up to Ease Life of Battered Spouse

One of the most horrific aspects of society is the battered wife. Not only does she endure a frightful beating of her body, but when she realizes the escalating danger she and her children are in, she usually flees with little more than the clothes on her back.

Sometimes however, someone reaches out with not just a helping hand, but with the means to find a job, send children to school, go to the market—a vehicle.

**Bruce Nation**, the owner of Westlake Independent Honda & Acura Service in Westlake Village, came to the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley with an offer of a van for a family in great need. The Club's staff knew that a Club member's mother, a victim of domestic abuse, had no transportation for herself and her child other than public transportation.

Nation's firm donated a 1999 Honda Odyssey to the woman, repaired it, gave her \$500 for future service and paid for six months of insurance premiums. "Even in difficult times, it's important to reach out and provide help to those who need it most," Nation says. "I'm so grateful to be able to make a difference for this family. I wish them all the best as they rise above such a difficult situation."

"Starting a new life for me and my child is a constant challenge," says the woman. "We are so blessed to have organizations like the Boys & Girls Club to help my child find the right path in life, and to have Westlake Independent Service actually give us a vehicle, making it so much easier to deal with the challenges of getting around this big city."

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The Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley was founded in 1995 as a response to the local need for safe, healthy, productive activities for youths during non-school hours.

There are more than 2,500 members of the Club, and approximately 150 youngsters visit the facility each day, in addition to approximately 450 children provided after-school activities at Blythe and Reseda Elementary Schools, Canoga Park High School, and Tierra del Sol. The Club is located at 7245 Remmet Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91303. Telephone: (818) 610-1054.