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**ECONOMIC  
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**Dear Valued Community Partner,**

At Economic Security Corporation (ESC), our mission is clear: to instill hope and share opportunities that eliminate the conditions of poverty while helping our neighbors achieve self-sufficiency. We envision a thriving community of neighbors free from poverty, and we work tirelessly to make that vision a reality across Barton, Jasper, Newton, and McDonald counties.

In our 2023 Community Needs Assessment, transportation emerged as the number one barrier to accessing essential services and opportunities. Whether it's getting to medical appointments, job interviews, school, or grocery stores, reliable transportation is critical for individuals and families striving to achieve stability and independence.

**On May 1, 2024, we launched the Community Action Ride System (CARS)** to address this need head-on. This program provides **free transportation** to residents in our four-county service area, driven entirely by dedicated **Volunteer Drivers**.

Starting with just five Volunteer Drivers, the program has grown exponentially. Today, **over 35 Volunteer Drivers** have clocked in **more than 150,000 miles**, connecting neighbors and helping them reach vital destinations. The success of the CARS program demonstrates the power of community-driven solutions and shows how, together, we can make a profound impact.

To continue and expand this life-changing work, we invite you to become a **sponsor** of the CARS program. Your support will directly fuel our efforts to ensure that no one in our community is left behind due to a lack of transportation.

### **Sponsorship Opportunities:**

- **Driver Sponsorship: \$300**  
Sponsor the recruitment, training, and mileage reimbursement for our Volunteer Drivers who are the heart of this program.
- **Monthly County Sponsor: \$1,000**  
Help fund transportation services in Barton, Jasper, Newton, or McDonald counties for an entire month, directly impacting lives in your chosen community.
- **Yearly County Sponsor: \$10,000**  
Become a cornerstone partner by providing a year's worth of transportation support for one of our counties, ensuring ongoing access for residents who rely on us.

*Helping people. Changing lives.*

## **Your Support Makes the Difference**

As a sponsor, your contribution will transform lives by eliminating barriers to health care, education, employment, and more. You'll be recognized in our program materials, newsletters, and community outreach efforts as a champion of change and neighborly support.

Together, we can truly connect the community one ride at a time. Please join us in this vital mission by becoming a sponsor today.

To discuss sponsorship opportunities or for more information, contact me at **417-627-2084** or visit our website at **[www.escswa.org/CARS](http://www.escswa.org/CARS)**. Enclosed is a sponsorship form for your convenience.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a lasting impact in our community. We look forward to partnering with you to drive hope, opportunity, and transformation in Barton, Jasper, Newton, and McDonald counties.

Warm regards,

**Cavanaugh Studyvin**  
Community Organizer

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