

Mike Rose Auto Body readies this year's car for annual benevolence program

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When it comes time to give back to the community, Clayton's Mike Rose sets the standard.

For the last eight years, Mike Rose Auto Body has participated in the Akzo Nobel Sikkens Acoat National Benevolence Program. Started in the 1990s by Dave Adams Classic Car Repair in Utah, the program turned into a cooperative effort that takes a donated

and damaged car each year and restores it to pristine condition to give away to someone worthy.

Each year, the collision repair industry as a whole comes across cars that are written off by either the owner or the insurance company.

"We find a car that has been

wrecked, that has been donated by an insurance company or individual, and we fix it," Rose explains. "All the parts are donated, the insurance is donated, and employees donate their time after work or on weekends and help pick the family that is going to get the car. They do a fantastic job."



Sal Contreras
Mike's Auto Body

Applicants must provide to Mike's Benevolence Committee a one-page narrative explaining why the lack of reliable transportation interferes with their current and future econom-

ic status and how receiving this automobile will assist them in becoming self-sufficient.

Applications for this year's Dec. 16 giveaway began in October and will end Dec. 1. Rose, Sal Contreras and employees review the letters to find the one they consider most worthy.

"What better time to give a car to somebody," Contreras said of the holiday giveaway.

"Every applicant is worthy," he continued. "Each has a story that makes you close your eyes, open your heart, and count your blessings. I wish we had more cars to give away."

"We feel very fortunate to be involved with such a wonderful program and are very excited to be able to give back to the community," said Rose.

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