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## **Precision Auto Care, Inc. Joins Forces with Vehicles for Change**

**HALETHORPE, Md. (February 6, 2009)** – Vehicles for Change, a local nonprofit organization committed to changing lives with donated cars, has announced a new partnership with Precision Auto Care, Inc. (PACI). PACI franchises Precision Tune Auto Care centers, which provide routine automotive maintenance and repair at 380 locations in seven countries.

This new partnership with Precision Tune Auto Care will allow Vehicles for Change recipients to take advantage of auto repair and maintenance discounts at the Beltsville, Lexington Park, and Montgomery Village Precision Tune Auto Care centers in Maryland and the Culpeper, Hayes, and Manassas Park centers in Virginia. Vehicles for Change is an organization that takes cars donated by the public, refurbishes and repairs them, and then sells the vehicles to low-income families at minimal cost.

“Vehicles for Change empowers participants in our program to work towards financial independence,” said Marty Schwartz, president of Vehicles for Change. “Recipients are busy juggling work, driving their children to school, or running errands and this new partnership with Precision Tune Auto Care provides greater convenience and freedom as they perform everyday tasks.”

Research has shown that after purchasing a car from Vehicles for Change, 73 percent of recipients obtain a better job and increase their income by an average of \$4,800. Over the past ten years, Vehicles for Change has impacted the lives of more than 8,400 individuals by awarding nearly 3,000 cars to people in need.

“We are proud that six of our Washington metropolitan area locations are working with Vehicles for Change on such a noble cause. This is a valuable partnership for both of our organizations and we hope to continue working together in the future,” said Robert Falconi, president and chief executive officer of Precision Auto Care, Inc.

For more information about Vehicles for Change, please visit [www.vehiclesforchange.org](http://www.vehiclesforchange.org) or call Marty Schwartz at 410.242.9674. For more information about Precision Auto Care, Inc., please visit [www.precisiontune.com](http://www.precisiontune.com).

***About Vehicles for Change:*** Vehicles for Change, a nonprofit organization committed to selling refurbished cars to low-income families at minimal cost, was founded in 1999 and awarded its first car to a family in Carroll County, Md. To date, Vehicles for Change has impacted the lives of more than 8,400 individuals by awarding nearly 3,000 cars to people in need throughout the state of Virginia and in nine counties in Maryland.

***About Precision Tune Auto Care:*** What started as a small tune-up shop in Beaumont, Texas more than 30 years ago is now a pioneer in advanced automotive diagnostics and the one-stop shop for scheduled maintenance, service and repairs for autos, light trucks, SUVs and minivans. Servicing 2.5 million vehicles each year, Precision Auto Care, Inc. franchises 380 state-of-the-art professional service facilities throughout the world and is a leader in educating the driving public on the importance of car care for personal safety and the health of the environment.

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