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## **SARTA DONATES A USED VAN TO LOCAL MINISTRY**

### **Gift is First of SARTA's New Community Donation Program**

Last week Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) donated one of its Proline vans that was recently retired from regular transit service to His Place 4u Ministries. When a vehicle has reached its mileage limit or is fully depreciated according to the Federal Transportation Administration, the vehicle can be donated to a non-profit organization. This specific vehicle has over 416,000 miles on it.

According to Kirt Conrad, SARTA CEO, "Because of current economic conditions, SARTA has decided to dispose of surplus assets in a way permitted by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and the SARTA Procurement Policy in a way that best supports our community's non-profit and charitable sectors. The ORC allows public agencies to dispose of surplus or fully depreciated assets to bonafide non-profit agencies. This process will be used in such a way to continue SARTA's mission of giving back to our community. This is core to our organization's mission and function."

His Place 4u Ministries in Myers Lake Plaza began seven years ago is lead by Senior Pastors, Bob and Bobbie Cook. It has grown to include 20 youths at their meetings and a traveling food ministry. His Place 4u has a 300 seat sanctuary that sits behind Cafe 4 U which is an out-reach ministry operated by people from the church and open to the public.

The reaction of Phyllis Davidson, Church Administrator was, "This is truly a blessing. We will be able to help more people in our community. We no longer will have to make four separate trips after service to get our members home. We are so excited to be able to provide transportation. We can even use the wheelchair lift in the van to assist some of our members."

The process of applying for the new Community Donation Program will be to have your organization's specific needs and contact information placed on an eligible list of non-profit and or charities within the Stark County area. Once SARTA has made a determination of surplus property, those on the list will be notified of the items to be distributed. Please forward your contact information and specific asset needs to Richard Kyle, Communications Administrator at SARTA. Mr. Kyle can be contacted at 330-477-2782 ext.535.

See the SARTA website ([www.SARTAonline.com](http://www.SARTAonline.com)) for possible updates or other details.

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*Pictured: James Warner and Kirt Conrad from SARTA. Pastor Bob Cook and Phyllis Davidson of His Place 4u Ministries*