

PRISM: Ways to Work People Responding In Social Ministry

Car Ownership Program

'Ways to Work' is a national transportation program headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. PRISM is the 'Ways to Work' Twin Cities agency administering their family loan program, providing low interest loans to working families for the purpose of purchasing or repairing a vehicle.

Eligibility

All of the following conditions must be met to be eligible

- Continuous employment for at least three months or matriculated in a post high school education program
- Involved parent(s) of dependent child(ren)
- Have valid Minnesota Driver's License
- Have exhausted conventional loan resources
- Have disposable income sufficient to make repayment
- Have a household income no greater than 80% of the area's median income
- Have attended a financial budgeting class at PRISM
- If bankruptcy has ever been filed, proof of discharge must be provided

Application Process

For more information, or to apply call the PRISM Ways to Work Loan Office at (763) 432-4202.

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CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD

PRISM's clothing and household program offers new and gently-used goods at very low or no cost.

The Clothes Closet

PRISM's Clothes Closet is open to the general public—you do not need to live in our primary service area or meet any financial criteria to shop. PRISM accepts *cash only*.

Hours of Operation

The Clothes Closet is open whenever we have volunteers to staff it. *Please call (763) 529-1350 to make sure the Clothes Closet is open before you visit.*

9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday – Thursday

Cost

Emergency free clothing is available through an appointment with a caseworker. Please call PRISM at (763) 529-1350 to schedule an appointment. A \$5.00 voucher will be issued if you qualify. Regular pricing is as follows:

- Clothing, Coats, & Shoes: \$.50 per pound
- Household items: \$.10 and up

New clothing – Priced separately

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AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

PRISM Automotive Repair provides access to comprehensive vehicle repairs at below-market rates for economically disadvantaged families.

Auto Shop Hours and Rates

- Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
- Rates: \$72 for Assessment, \$49/hr for Labor

Eligibility

- Auto Shop customers must be referred to PRISM from an approved social services agency or church as we are not open to the general public.
- If you are within the PRISM service area, call 763-529-1860 to set up an appointment at PRISM to meet with a caseworker who will help acquire a referral.
- If you are outside the PRISM service area, set up an appointment at your local social services agency or church. Call PRISM at 763-529-7332 and we will fax the referral form to the agency for completion.

Appointments

Call the PRISM Automotive Repair shop at (763) 529-7332.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PRISM's emergency financial assistance provides 0% interest loans to qualifying families and individuals to cover housing costs and/or other necessary expenses in times of financial crisis.

Eligibility

- Must live in Golden Valley, Crystal, New Hope, or Robbinsdale, or East of 494 in Plymouth. [View map](#)
- Must be requesting assistance for one of these expenses
 - Rent to avoid EVICTION
 - Deposits for MANDATORY relocations
 - Car repairs with estimates from PRISM mechanics
 - Car insurance, car payments and other job and education related expenses may be eligible, but are assessed on a case by case basis
- Must have been denied assistance by Hennepin County
- Must attend budget class

After attending budget class, make an appointment with caseworker by calling 763-529-1350

- Bring a Photo ID
- Bring completed packet provided at budget class

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Mission of *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* is to assist homesteaded property owners in **Golden Valley** maintain their homes by

- identifying maintenance needs
- identifying possible funding sources, including Minnesota Housing Finance Loans
- linking homeowners to a network of volunteers and independent contractors to help do the work

Call 763-529-1350 for an appointment.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a collaboration between PRISM, H.O.M.E. program of Senior Community Services, Calvary Lutheran Church, Valley Community Presbyterian Church, and the City of Golden Valley.

For more information about home maintenance and improvements, visit www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us and click on "Your Home".