

# Mum gets key to freedom

Generous donation means life has just got easier for Belinda and her young son

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A DONCARE volunteer has given single mum Belinda Aston the keys to a new life, literally.

Doncaster's Helen O'Brien donated a Hyundai Excel to the Doncare Angels for Women Network program, which supports women in recovery from domestic violence, with Ms Aston named the lucky recipient.

Ms Aston, who has not had a car for five years, said the generous donation has changed the way she and her eight-year-old son, Cody, live.

"We were on foot before this and having to ask people for lifts all the time, which doesn't make you feel good, so this is fantastic," she said.

Ms O'Brien said the decision to give the car away was an easy one. "The people involved with Doncare are very caring and do very special work, so once I was involved, I wanted to help in any way I could," she said. "I'm just very happy I was in a position to be able to donate because Belinda will really benefit from it and have a lot of freedom."

Doncare's Dorothy Rose Fund is paying the insurance and roadworthy costs.

Ms Aston said her "jaw hit the ground" when she was told the good news. "It's been a very hard road for me and there have been a lot of ups and downs, so for someone to show heart like that and get nothing in return is remarkable."

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Doncare Angels for Women Network program's Helen O'Brien (centre), with Belinda Aston and son Cody, in their new car.

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