

2021 Community Impact Award
Wayne Dumas, Kennebunk Auto
Presented Monday, October 4, 2021

Our Community Impact Award is given annually to individuals or groups whose actions not only make a difference on their own, but which also make an exponential difference as they open and expand the opportunities for survivors of domestic violence in our community.

We are thrilled to present this year's 2021 Community Impact Award to Wayne Dumas of Kennebunk Auto.

Kennebunk Auto has been an integral part of our Freedom Wheels program since its inception in 2006. Over the past 15 years, and largely because of Kennebunk Auto's central role in this program, we have given 106 safe, road-ready vehicles to survivors of domestic abuse and violence, and have assisted another 624 people with reliable repairs to maintain their vehicles.

It would be hard to overstate the impact of receiving a vehicle; or the knowledge that much needed repairs are available, affordable, and reliable, for each person helped through this unique program. Access to safe and reliable transportation in southern Maine opens a world of opportunity for domestic violence survivors who become able to get to and from work, hold steady employment, shuttle children to school and other necessary appointments, and so much more.

But Wayne, and Kennebunk Auto's, commitment to Freedom Wheels and Caring Unlimited goes far beyond the particulars and statistics of the program. He educates his customers about the program, suggests donating a vehicle, and share the benefits and significance of doing so. Wayne is a true champion for this program.

Thank you, Wayne, and Kennebunk Auto, on behalf of the Board, staff, and volunteers at Caring Unlimited for your significant, wide-reaching, exponential impact, and your commitment to increasing survivors' safety, independence, and opportunities.