

## **Stidham Trucking donates van to help family**

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YREKA -- A bright red 1996 Ford Windstar GL was presented to Marilyn Young of Yreka on Saturday in conclusion to the successful "Car for Mom" campaign put on by the Knights of Columbus.

Frances Stidham drove in with the car and presented Young the keys in a ceremony following a barbecue steak dinner in Lower Greenhorn Park. The seven-passenger mini van was donated by Stidham Trucking.

"I don't know how to thank people enough," Young said. "This is a wonderful gift. It was very nice of the Knights and the community to do this for me."

Young's daughter Teresa Barba was in a serious automobile accident and remains in a rehabilitation facility in Medford.

Without dependable transportation, Young has been able to find rides to Medford only about once a week to see her daughter. When she is released, Young will need a vehicle with a wheelchair lift to get her daughter to physical therapy.

Young said Andy Jura came to her and asked how her daughter was doing. "He asked me if it was all right to do a fund-raiser to help; I had no idea the conversation would lead to this."

When asked how Teresa is doing, Young said she is fighting a lot of infection and is still a long way away from coming home.

"Teresa lost her home, family and everything in the accident," Young said. "Her three children had to leave the area and are now living with their father in Las Vegas."

Jura said the plan was to seek donations and have a fund-raiser to purchase a "Car for Mom." When Stidham Trucking donated a vehicle for the cause, the Knights of Columbus decided to continue with the scheduled barbecue and use the money to fit the vehicle with a wheelchair lift.

"We sold 125 tickets for the barbecue and have had several donations with one of them \$1,000," Jura said. "We all have families and know how important they are to us. That's why most of us stay in this community, because this kind of thing gets done."

-- By John Diehm