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**Crossroads Program Receives Assistance, Support**  
*Holman Automotive Group Steps-Up to Assist At-Risk Youth*

**Willingboro, NJ** – The challenges of the world can make life difficult for today’s youth. This is even more true for those aging out of the child protection system, such as those served by Crossroads Programs. But these young men and women have received a helping hand, however, through the generosity of the Holman Automotive Group, which provided Crossroads Programs with \$14,000 in grants and donations in support of its programs and events.

Holman, headquartered in Maple Shade, New Jersey, is an international automotive service company which began as a single Ford dealership in 1924 and now employs more than 6,300 people. Holman is a family-owned business that encompasses five segments of the automotive market, including ARI, the largest privately-owned fleet leasing management company in North America.

According to Steve Holman, Director of Community Affairs, Holman focuses on building relationships and investing in people in its local communities. Holman said, “This is why Crossroads Programs is a perfect fit for Holman. Crossroads, working right here in South Jersey, is investing in the future of our young people who have started life under difficult circumstances and are providing them with the skills, information, support and assistance they need to become successful members of the community.”

“We are so grateful to Holman for its grant to our Rites of Passage program and donations to our first annual bowling event and our upcoming annual golf outing,” said Crossroads Programs CEO Michael Snyder, MSW, LSW. “Rites of Passage is a transitional housing program that provides a stable living, group home environment,” explained Snyder. “The supportive services offered help to empower youth and assist them in developing the skills they need to successfully transition to independent living.”

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According to Tia Sanders, Crossroads Programs Director of Quality and Compliance, the Rites of Passage program is for youth, age 17 1/2 to 21. “These young adults need a supportive setting to help them stabilize emotionally, work to acquire necessary skills, and successfully transition out of the child protection system.”

The Crossroads Programs First Annual Bowling for Kids fundraiser was held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at Laurel Lanes in Maple Shade. Crossroads Programs Sixth Annual “Tee Off For Kids” Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, August 18, at Woodcrest Country Club in Cherry Hill. There is a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.; more information is available at [www.crossroadsprograms.org](http://www.crossroadsprograms.org).

Crossroads Programs was founded in 1978 through a collaboration of interfaith community leaders committed to providing shelter to runaway and homeless youth. Since that time, the agency has developed considerable expertise in serving youth who must transition to independent young adulthood without the support and guidance typically provided by family. Over the years, Crossroads’ expertise in sheltering youth has expanded to include clinical services for all types of at-risk youth. Programs offer developmental assets, educational and emotional mentoring or coaching, and life skills training. These services have resulted in improved outcomes and enhanced futures for the thousands of kids and families they have served.

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