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NWACC Culinary Projects Benefit From Van
Purchase, Outfitting of New Vehicle Supported by Walton Family Foundation

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (October 23, 2012) – NorthWest Arkansas Community College’s culinary work is reaping the benefits of a new catering van.

The purchase and outfitting of the vehicle, a 2012 Chevy Express van, was supported by the Walton Family Foundation.

NWACC Executive Chef Lou Rice said the van is a tremendous help to the college’s catering initiatives. It already has been used for events serving anywhere from 20 to 225 people.

The addition of the van, with features such as a tie bar system and special floor covering, makes catering simpler and more cost-effective for the college. Previously, NWACC employees used their private vehicles for transporting food, and major events could require multiple trips.

Having a designated van also lends an image of increased professionalism, Rice said. That’s important, both for the catering initiatives and for those student workers also studying in the college’s culinary program, he said. Students can see the proper way to prepare for and cater an event.

“We’ve always done a great product,” Rice said, “but now, this completes the package. It’s like the ‘icing on the top.’”

Cutline for image:
NorthWest Arkansas Community College has a new culinary van for its catering initiatives.

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