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## **Businessman donates Envoy to Smallwood Center**

PARMA, Ohio – Barry Axelrod has owned Axelrod Buick GMC since 1979. He’s been happy to be one of Parma’s most prominent businessmen. He is well-known and well-liked ... and for good reason.

Axelrod displayed his generosity and local pride recently by donating a 2008 GMC Envoy to the Donna Smallwood Activities Center. The Center will use the vehicle for various transportation needs, among them meal deliveries.

“It’s nice to be in a position to help and for such a great cause,” Axelrod said. “Being part of a local business community also means understanding and caring what happens in that community. This is a great opportunity to show my support for the Smallwood Center.”

Center Director Jo Ann Mason said the vehicle will be put to good use immediately. “We definitely have use for it, and we are so grateful to Barry for being so generous. With budget cuts from Columbus, it’s tougher these days to make things work, and Barry has made it easier for us with this vehicle.”

Mayor Tim DeGeeter sees Axelrod’s donation as a living example of the philosophy that his administration espouses. “We forge partnerships everywhere we can, and our local business community has stepped up in a number of ways,” he said. “Barry is a terrific example of a businessman who really cares about his community. We are very grateful for his generous donation.”