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Army Veteran To Be Honored with Car Donation at Tucson Conquistadores Golf Classic

TUCSON, AZ (March 14, 2017) – Specialist Juan Morales, an Army combat veteran who was awarded two Purple Hearts for his service and injuries during deployment, will be presented with keys to a practically brand new car at a special celebration during the Tucson Conquistadores Golf Classic.

The vehicle unveiling will be on Saturday, March 18 at 10:30 am at the Patriots Outpost on the 16th Hole of the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort.

Morales will be presented with a 2014 Ford Fusion Titanium to thank and honor him for his service and sacrifices by Caliber Collision and Geico as part of the National Auto Body Council's Recycled Rides™ program. Recycled Rides is a nationwide community service initiative in which businesses in the collision industry team up to repair and donate vehicles to individuals and families in need. Geico donated the Ford Fusion, technicians at Caliber Collision refurbished the vehicle on their personal time and numerous other local businesses contributed parts, materials as well as gifts for the veteran and his family.

Juan Morales Bio

Born and raised in Tucson, Morales was medically retired from the Army at the age of 21 in 2012. He served in one of the most dangerous units in Afghanistan, which was the subject of several documentaries. He is one of the soldiers in the documentary PECH RIVER BOYS: Tales from Afghanistan. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2C4mkmkX7w> .

Morales relies on public transportation to commute to his day labor jobs, for frequent trips to the VA Hospital for ongoing medical treatment, and to visit his 3-year-old son in Green Valley. He allocates most of his income to help take care of his wife and son, who has autism, and as a result, cannot afford a car for himself.

Morales was nominated for the Recycled Rides program by the American Red Cross Supportive Services for Veteran Families program.

Other local businesses that contributed materials and services towards the Recycled Rides vehicles include: Jim Click Ford, Holms Tuttle Ford, Auto Nation Ford, Nu Wheel, Jack Furrier Fine Line, and Dentworks.

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