

## New Transit Van for Ashland Special Needs Ministry Makes a Huge Difference for the Families They Serve



Ashland Special Needs Ministry provides family respite care for local families with special needs, including bi-monthly respite care in local churches, sending families to a family retreat with Joni and Friends, and welcoming families into a church body where they help train staff and volunteers to care for a special needs family member so they can enjoy time in the church service and Sunday school or other church activities.

To support all of these activities, last year the Samaritan Hospital Foundation purchased a Ford transit van that enables the ministry to transport families as part of their respite care services. Christina Teevan, Executive Director of Ashland Special Needs Ministry, explained, "Receiving this van has made a huge difference in the lives of those we serve. The excitement on the faces of our friends and the thankful hearts of their families as we bring food, appointment transportation, care and often the respite they so need, is why this van is such a blessing to our community."