



## Iraq War Veteran Awarded Brand New Vehicle Through DrivenToDrive Program

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### Retired U.S. Army CPT Elena Elwart Needed Automobile to Help Launch Service Dog Program

TrueCar, AutoNation, DAV (Disabled American Veterans), and Team Red, White & Blue partnered on vehicle donation

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 8, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, TrueCar and AutoNation donated a Chevrolet Traverse to Ret. U.S. Army CPT Elena Elwart at a special event held at the AutoNation Chevrolet dealership in Austin, Texas.



The vehicle donation marked the second year, and third donation, of the DrivenToDrive program, a partner program between TrueCar, DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and Team Red, White & Blue. DrivenToDrive was created to help injured veterans regain the freedom they've fought and sacrificed so much for, by helping them get back behind the wheel of vehicles.

Deployed in Iraq as part of a military vehicle maintenance team, Elwart was medically discharged due to a back injury in 2012. During her recovery, she was unable to drive intermittently due to pain, discomfort, and PTSD, but service dogs critically aided in her recovery.

"Having a service dog for me, because that's how I got started, probably saved my life in many ways. I don't know where I would be without my little service dog. With her help I was able to get out in public again and I want to be able to provide that for other veterans."

Elwart aims to start her own program that helps injured veterans have easy and affordable access to service dogs, to help their recovery process. She plans to use the new Chevrolet Traverse to launch her service dog program, by transporting dogs to visit veterans in Florida.

"AutoNation is honored once again to partner with TrueCar and their DrivenToDrive program in recognizing U.S. Army CPT Elena Elwart for her service and presenting her with a brand-new Chevrolet Traverse," said Marc Cannon, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for AutoNation.

In addition to Elwart and her family, the event was attended by AutoNation Chief Marketing Officer Marc Cannon, DAV Former National Chaplain Charles Edwards, Team RWB Chief Advancement Officer Megan King, and TrueCar CEO Chip Perry.

For more information about DrivenToDrive and its mission please visit [www.truecar.com/driventodrive](http://www.truecar.com/driventodrive).

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interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; providing employment resources to veterans and their families and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a non-profit organization with more than one million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932. Learn more at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

#### **About Team RWB**

Team RWB's mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. Team RWB defines enrichment as creating quality relationships and experiences that contribute to life satisfaction and overall well-being. The concept of enrichment consists of three core components—health, people, and purpose—that comprise a rich life. Health: Creating frequent opportunities for team members to connect through fitness, sports, and recreation to improve physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing. People: Creating authentic connections (defined as genuine, quality, supportive relationships that generate mutual trust and accountability), reflected in an increased number of close relationships and improvements in teammates' sense of belonging, purpose, and community engagement. Purpose: Engaging members in meaningful team and community-based experiences such as leadership and service that, beyond physical and social activities, renew self-identity and purpose in life. Team RWB accomplishes their mission via our two core programs: our Chapter and Community Program and our Eagle Leadership Development Program. Learn more about Team RWB and how to get involved by joining the team at [teamrwb.org/join](http://teamrwb.org/join)

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