

Rio Charity Car Wash Gets Rained Out, But Owner Donates Anyway

FREDERICKSBURG, VA- On October 12th, Rio Car Washes hosted a charity car wash to benefit EmpowerHouse at their two Fredericksburg locations; at 70 Sebring Dr., and their Massaponax location at 10050 Jefferson Davis Hwy. With tropical storm Karen passing through the East Coast that week, the weather throughout Fredericksburg put a damper on the success of the charity car wash. However, to make up for the bad weather, Jeff and Neil Small, owners of Rio Car Wash, provided a rain check of their own kind, and donated \$1500 to EmpowerHouse.

“Of course we wanted a huge turnout, but with the weather being as rainy as it was that weekend, we wanted to make sure it wasn’t a complete loss for EmpowerHouse,” said Jeff Small.

Empowerhouse is a non-profit organization providing confidential domestic violence assistance in the city of Fredericksburg and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, and Caroline since 1978. These services include a free and confidential 24-hour hotline, a temporary emergency shelter, information, referrals, and advocacy.

Rio Car Wash has four locations in Virginia; two in Richmond and two in Fredericksburg. The Small family believes in the importance of being community minded and giving back. Jeff Small is a Rotarian who participates in Rotary mission trips to Honduras. His father, Neil, a dentist in Fairfax and Marine Corp veteran, was the driving force behind Rio Car Washes support of [Grace for Vets](#), a non-profit that organizes free car washes around the world each year on November 11 for all veterans and service personnel. More events at the car washes are planned for the future, weather permitting!