

Barbour County Woman Gets Special Christmas Ride

Here & There Transit took Connie Weese from Mansfield Place facility to her home in Belington to be with her family on Christmas.

PHILIPPI -- It's what could be called a Christmas miracle for Belington's Connie Weese and her family.

This Christmas, what she is most looking forward to is being together.

Though she is handicapped and living at Mansfield Place in Broaddus Hospital, Here & There Transit took her home, over the hills to her family in Belington, with the help of guardian angel, Loushawn Booth, a driver for Here & There.

"I wanted to do it. It's something I could give. It's something priceless, really," Booth said.

They spent last Christmas with Weese in the hospital, bringing presents and food to her room. Weese's extended family included seven children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. All waited for her at her home in Belington to celebrate Christmas.

"It is special to have mom here at home. It wouldn't be the same if she wasn't here. I remember telling Victoria last year we'll remember this as our special Christmas because we had it at the hospital. We may have lots of special Christmases now," said Weese's daughter, Jenni McDonald.

"The look on her face and her family's was priceless to me. That was enough. That was a great present to me and her," Booth said.

Settled in at home, with her trip complete, Weese had a message for her family: "Merry Christmas and I love you all."