

Next Stop: Independence! Meet Destinations Mobility

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At UCP, we know how important independence is for people with disabilities, so we were excited to talk to Richard Rosebush about his work with accessible vehicles!

Richard remembers when accessible vehicle options were nonexistent. There was one model: a full-size Ford van with a wheelchair ramp in back. And it was expensive.

Today, the manager of Paratransit's Destinations Mobility in Sacramento is

proud that this nonprofit offers a wide range of high-quality vehicles and conversion options at a much more affordable price than for-profit competitors.

Paratransit's mission is to provide transportation services to people with disabilities, seniors, mobility challenged individuals, families, caregivers and veterans through its buses, shuttles and more. So it was a natural transition when the organization began offering individual transportation options through accessible vehicles.

People can rent accessible vans for just \$500 per week – traditionally \$125 per day. They

can also purchase vehicles for as low as \$7,000, far lower than competitor prices that often charge the same amount just for the conversion.

"Here, people have their pick of trucks and minivans with wheelchair access on the side or back," Richard said. "We've got new and used vehicles, and we always stock at least 30 vehicles so people have a wide range of choices."

One of Destinations Mobility's unique features is that they list real prices on the vehicles so no one has to deal with haggling. The price listed is the lowest price they can offer. They also offer help accessing Regional Centers and local lending institutions.

"Our customers love having their independence back," Richard said. "They often say it feels like getting their driver's license for the first time."

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