

## **Last Arrow drivers headed home thanks to Schneider National and Women In Trucking**

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Green Bay, WI: Tony and Gertrude Elkey were planning to celebrate their third wedding anniversary on December 27. Instead of a gift they received a satellite message notifying them that Tony had lost his job. Tony, who had been driving for Arrow Trucking since last August, was abruptly unemployed and stranded in El Paso, Texas.

The Elkeys suddenly found themselves 1,600 miles away from their family in Cincinnati. Waiting at home to welcome them and celebrate Christmas was their 15-year-old daughter Melesa, a liver transplant survivor, and her older sister.

Christmas came and went and Melesa was still waiting.

Sandi Soendker, Landline Magazine editor, reached out to Ellen Voie, President of Women In Trucking, and asked for assistance. "Just asking some old friends who have resources," she said. Voie contacted Jack Copeland at Schneider National, Inc. who set the wheels in motion to get the Elkeys home. Schneider National provided Gertrude and Tony with bus tickets home and within hours they were on their way to Cincinnati.

Copeland also reached out to Tony to offer him a job with the Schneider.

"I really appreciate Schneider doing this for us," said Gertrude. "I've been worrying about getting home." Christmas will be late this year for the Elkeys, but the coming year looks brighter thanks to the efforts of Schneider National and Women In Trucking, Inc.

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President/CEO