

## Greenfield District Employee Becomes Motorist's "Angel"



Becky Lett is thankful that INDOT has caring and helpful employees — in this case, Greenfield District Project Supervisor Ellis Holder.

"I was traveling southbound on I-69 near 96<sup>th</sup> Street in Fishers on December 1 when a tire blew," said Lett. "Life has been difficult lately, and I just added this to a long list of unfortunate events in my life. I felt helpless. Friends and family were not available, and I had a spare tire, but did not have a jack to change the tire myself."

Lett used her cell phone to contact a friend, who could not lend assistance. Suddenly, a knock came on Lett's car window. It was a smiling young man. Enter help, in the form of Holder.

"I changed her tire, something I would do for anyone stranded on the side of the road," said Holder.

"I wanted to pay him for his service and kindness," Lett said. "He told me, 'No, pay it forward.' I hugged him and shared with him my most difficult life experience — the loss of my beloved son, who was killed in a car crash."

After Holder went back to his truck, Lett took a moment and wept in her car. She remembered an essay her son had written on paying it forward. Lett ran back to Holder's truck to get his name. She wanted to be sure he was recognized for this good deed, and to include him in her prayers.

Lett says two angels were watching over her that day — her son and Holder.

"I was touched by an angel in the form of Ellis Holder and am so grateful that he entered my life at that time," she said.