

PASSENGERS COMMENTS

*"It is a joy to meet so many pleasant people."
CW*

*"I had a very nice ride and I am already addicted. I was early for my appointment."
AS*

*"I am thankful that Neighbor Ride is here. I ran out of ways to get to my doctor's appointments. I am also in PT to walk and some day soon drive. Really a positive impact on my life. Thank you so much."
MC*

*"I could not make Dr. appointments without it."
MD*

*"I'm grateful for such a service. I'm delighted with Neighbor Ride."
EP*

*"The drivers are very helpful and kind."
MP*

*"I can depend on drivers, friendly, caring, helpful, good drives. I am really thankful for this service."
LW*

You're Number One!!!

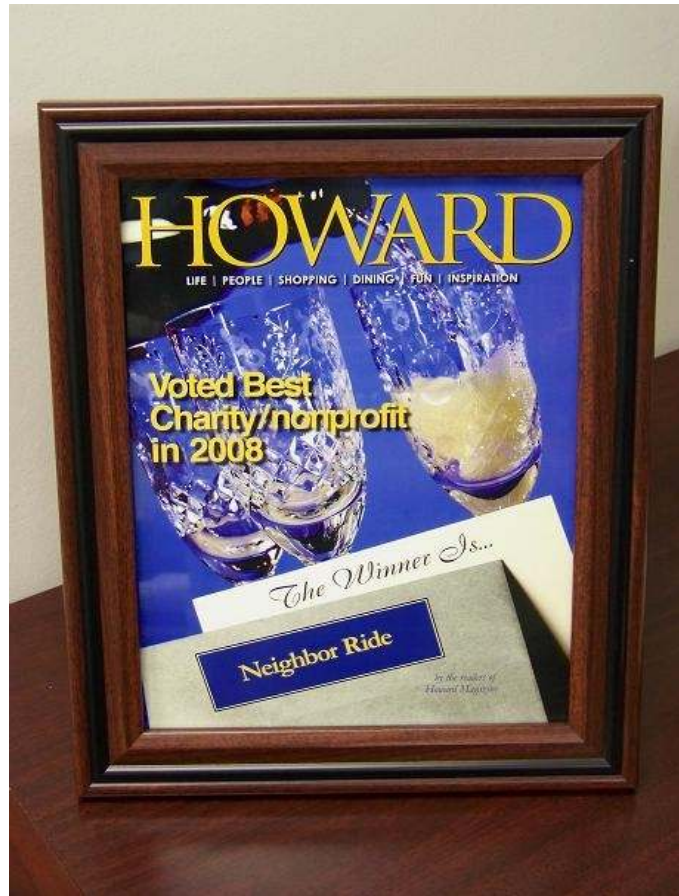


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VOTES OF CONFIDENCE – In addition to the election that took place in November, the results of another vote were announced. Neighbor Ride was voted the Best Charity/Non Profit by the readers of Howard Magazine. This is quite an honor for an organization just celebrating its fourth anniversary. Additionally, at our anniversary open house, we heard from Phyllis Madachy, Howard County Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - representing County Executive Ken Ulman – that Neighbor Ride is much appreciated at the highest levels of county government. She said that Howard County would not be the same without Neighbor Ride. Everyone is thrilled with these tributes to our many volunteers who are the ones that make it happen for our passengers. As we give thanks at this time of year, we thank you for all that you do.

- Brad

Note: Postal problems were encountered with our annual solicitation. If you did not receive a packet, please let us know.

Our Mission

Neighbor Ride will decrease isolation and improve the quality of life for Howard County's older residents by providing a reasonably priced, reliable, supplemental transportation service which utilizes community volunteers and resources.

November Stats

Volunteer Drivers
375.5 hours donated.

Ride Coordinators **151**
hours donated

Trips = 481

Miles = 5,260

Orientation dates:

January 9, 10 AM

January 14, 6 PM

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Coordinator's Corner:

Our 4th Anniversary Open House on November 17 was a great opportunity to see volunteers and supporters of Neighbor Ride. A special thank you to Laura McHugh, a new Neighbor Ride volunteer driver who is also a Creative Memories consultant. Laura donated materials and guidance to creating a Neighbor Ride history book. Stop by some time and see it. Many thanks, too, to Laurie Bokulic who sorted through four years of collected materials and helped with the designing the pages. Inge Hyder, Jim Kinnear, Sharon Milheizler, Pat Harrington, and Duane St. Clair were Open House door prize winners.

If you are driving for Neighbor Ride and have a traffic incident, no matter how small, our policy is to call 911 and report the details. Similarly, remember to call 911 if the passenger falls. Both of these are very important, particularly as winter weather arrives. If you have a ride but are uncomfortable driving in the weather that day, please cancel the ride with the passenger and let our office know. Also, check with your passenger on days the weather is questionable to make sure they still want to go. Again, please notify the office of any cancelled rides to assure fees are returned to the passenger accounts.

This is one of my favorite times of the year...lights, smiles, feelings of good will, cookies, gifts... and time with families and friends. My best wishes to each of you for a warm and cozy holiday. The good will and friendship you give to our seniors when you volunteer is treasured throughout the year.
-Rosemary

Time Banking in Howard County

Columbia Community Exchange is a community-based Time Banking program offered by the Columbia Association to provide an opportunity for neighbors to help neighbors through the mutual exchange of everyday services. Using Time Dollars as an exchange instead of money allows a member to earn a Time Dollar for every hour of service provided and then use the Time Dollars to purchase services, such as minor home repair, gardening, computer maintenance and tutoring from other members in the network. Because Neighbor Ride has been designated a Co-Producer, our volunteers who register with Columbia Community Exchange can earn Time Dollars for the hours of service they contribute as drivers, ride coordinators, and office assistants.

Call the Columbia Community Exchange at 410-884-6121 for more information about Time Banking or to register for an orientation.

-Colleen, Community Outreach Coordinator

WELCOME TO NEIGHBOR RIDE.....

Ray Cole, Laura Cornelius, Penny Friesland, Bob Fudge, Lynn and Rita Gold, Pat Harrington, Ken Kittelberger, Troy Lawson, Mary Ratcliffe, Bill Storey



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