



## PASSENGERS' COMMENTS

*"Everyone has been very helpful and courteous. I don't know how I would get along without them (volunteers)." FW*

*"It's something I look forward to, knowing someone is picking me up on Fridays." ML*

*"I'm grateful for Neighbor Ride. It allows me to be useful." MH*

*"I appreciate the Neighbor Ride service adds a lot to my life." RC*

*"The Ride Coordinators are helpful and polite. My health problems are such that Neighbor Ride has been a God send to me." ET*

*"This service enables me to have the level of care that I need at Johns Hopkins and I am extremely grateful that it is available."*

*"Neighbor Ride volunteers make you feel special, talk and share experiences, are pleasant." GS*

*"Wonderful for me as I am unable to drive and my girls both work." RM*

## From the Director

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Board members who are completing their terms. In addition to their regular Board responsibilities, these members contributed much to the overall success of Neighbor Ride.

Jim Dearborn has served as the Volunteer Driver representative. During his time on the Board Jim has brought the driver perspective to Board meetings. In addition to providing many rides, he has been active in helping to spread the word about Neighbor Ride throughout the County. Jim will continue as a Volunteer Driver.

Nancy McCord has been a member of the Development Committee and she will continue on the committee next year. Nancy represented Neighbor Ride for the COGS Casino Night Fund Raiser and was very active in ensuring that the evening was a success. She will also continue as a Volunteer Driver.

Mike Mercurio served as our Board attorney. He helped us through legal issues surrounding the state grants we receive and was always available when we needed legal advice.

Betty Noble served as Co-Chair of the Marketing Committee as well as being a Volunteer Driver. She was instrumental in setting up a marketing project at Howard Community College for Neighbor Ride. Betty also screened and referred the programmer who is continually enhancing our data base.

Jim's, Nancy's Mike's and Betty's service to Neighbor Ride has greatly benefited us and we much appreciate their many contributions while on the Board.

In future issues, we will introduce our new officers and Board members for FY11.

*Brad*

## Neighbor Ride Receives the Benchmark Business Award

On May 10, 2010 the Howard County Commission on Aging awarded Neighbor Ride the Benchmark Award for Business. In the photo, Saba Sheikh, Chair, Commission on Aging, Ken Ulman, Howard County Executive, and Sue Vaeth, Administrator, Office on Aging are shown with Brad Closs, Neighbor Ride Executive Director receiving the award.



The Benchmark Award is presented to a for-profit or non-profit business located in Howard County or providing services in Howard County. This award recognizes businesses that provide products and services that meet the needs of adults 60 and above and their families; workplace policies that support employment opportunities for adults 60 and above; or initiatives that address community aging needs. The award is presented to a business whose practices serve as a performance model for other organizations.

The award is for each of you who volunteer and make Neighbor Ride the success it is.

