

PASSENGERS' COMMENTS

"You saved my life by giving your service." AL

"The (Ride Coordinators) take care of us with a smile."

"I am able to get to places I could not have gotten to before. Thanks so much." CH

"I had an auto accident and without a car (I hope temporarily) it has been such a relief to know your service is available." NS

"Telephone reservation service is prompt, excellent and creditable. Drivers are very nice, reliable and really have supporting spirit." HS

"You're our guardian angels. We need you more with each passing year. God bless!" MLB

From The Director....

Many of you may have seen Neighbor Ride mentioned in articles discussing the Columbia Association's (CA) support of local non-profits.

CA is one of a diverse group of funding sources for Neighbor Ride. Since the inception of Neighbor Ride, CA has been very supportive and has made a generous and much appreciated donation annually. We greatly value our partnership with CA and look forward to continuing to work together.

Our many other funders include: The State of Maryland – Maryland Transit Administration, Howard County Citizen Services, Horizon Foundation, Columbia Foundation, Beverly Foundation, COGS, Howard County General Hospital and many other local businesses and individuals. All of these sources are essential to meeting our expenses as we continue to provide low cost transportation to Howard County Seniors. The loss or reduction of any one of them would impact our budget.

Since we depend on Columbia, Howard County, and Maryland for 40% of our operational budget, it is important that all of our elected representatives understand the importance of Neighbor Ride - both to our passengers and volunteers. If you get a chance, please let your representatives know what Neighbor Ride means to you and the people we serve.

Thanks,
-Brad

On February 24, 2010 Neighbor Ride was invited to attend Home Instead Senior Care's annual awards luncheon. We received a Presidential Service Award in "Recognition of Outstanding Service for Their Ideals of Excellence, Service, and Integrity in Serving our Senior Population." This service award is for each of you who make Neighbor Ride happen daily. Thank you.



Dave Dickens, President Home Instead Senior Care, Rosemary (NR Volunteer Coordinator), Ted Meyerson, President Maryland Seniors United, Brad (NR Director).

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.

February Stats

529 = Number trips

169 = Ride Coordinator hrs

66 = Vol office hrs

3 = Canceled; no driver

15 = New registrants

Orientation dates:

March 10, 6pm

March 12, 11am

Welcome Our New Volunteers

Larry Froman

Ray Gillian

Polly Lehtonen

Pat Lester

Jane O'Leary

Sovia Park

Dean Trang

Igor Turkusic

Help Spread the Word

Interested in helping spread the word about Neighbor Ride to others in the county? There are lots of ways you can help:

- Contact Colleen at community@neighborride.org for flyers, announcements, or articles to share with your friends, faith communities, co-workers, civic groups, schools and teams.
- Become a "fan" of Neighbor Ride on Facebook.
- Post Neighbor Ride's tear-off Volunteer or Passenger fliers on community bulletin boards in your neighborhood. You can stop by the office for hard copies or print your own from the attached files.
- Have a conversation...Tell seniors in your community about our service. Let your friends know how volunteering with Neighbor Ride has impacted your life. There is nothing quite like the power of word-of-mouth.

Come One, Come All! - Upcoming Fundraiser Nights

Come out and join Neighbor Ride for a fundraiser night at **Mimis Cafe on Tuesday, March 16th**. Mimis will donate 15% of the proceeds for carry-out and eat-in purchases made between 4 pm and 9 pm. Mimis is located at the intersections of Routes 175 and 108, in the Gateway Overlook Shopping Center. Please present the attached flyer when paying in order to ensure that Neighbor Ride receives credit for your sale.



Neighbor Ride will also be holding a fundraiser night at **Looney's Pub all day on Wednesday, May 26th**. Watch upcoming newsletters for more details on this fundraiser.

From the Development Committee

We are planning a fundraising jewelry show of hand crafted jewelry for this fall and want to include many local craftspeople. If you know of someone who might like to be invited, please forward name and contact info to Colleen this month. Thanks!!

Mark your calendar to attend one of our annual volunteer trainings this month:

March 26

10:15 am – 12:15 pm East Columbia Library

March 31

6 pm – 8 pm Miller Library

Presenters from:

Central Maryland Regional Transit

Howard County Police Traffic Enforcement Unit

Door prizes, light refreshments,

Neighbor Ride updates