

THE TRANSPORTER

PASSENGERS' COMMENTS

"Neighbor Ride is a real blessing! It has changed my life in so many ways!" KD

"The Ride Coordinators are very helpful; called me with updates." SS

"It is truly a blessing to have such a service in the county. Thanks!" JB

"I a person always answering the telephone when I call." DF

"I was able to do some volunteer work that I have not been able to do recently." MVH

"The drivers are all very nice. I wouldn't get round and about, I was confired until I became acquainted with the Neighbor Ride. Thank you." MK

From the Director.....

Celebrating Five

Wow – it's hard to believe – Neighbor Ride will be celebrating its fifth birthday this month. And what a five years it's been! Your service to Howard County seniors has merited recognition from The Governor's Office on Volunteerism, the readers of Howard Magazine, The Howard County Council and Home Instead Senior Care. While you can see some numerical results in the chart, more important is the steady stream of accolades from our passengers (several are printed in each newsletter) demonstrating their heartfelt appreciation for all that you do. In fact, the results of our surveys indicate that 100% of our passengers indicate that your service has improved their quality of life. As Neighbor Ride looks out to the next five years, you can be sure that we'll keep our focus on continuing to provide a rewarding volunteer opportunity and the transportation services our seniors need to remain connected to the community. Thanks again to each of you for making it all possible.

-Brad

Milestones	FY 2005	FY 2009
Rides	538	5,994
Miles	2,802	63,821
Registered passengers	360	915
Volunteers	58	191



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.

October Stats

2= Rides cancelled,
no driver

596= Number trips

201= Ride Coordinator
hours

56= Admin office hours

13= Misc office hours

21= New passengers

Orientation dates:

November 6, 10 am

November 11, 6 pm

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Coordinator's Corner.....

Your response to staffing our 50+ Expo Exhibit was fantastic. Thank you to Alice Triplett, Nancy Thomas, June Watson, Judi Pittman, Sara Cochran, Bob Fudge, Catherine Wheeler, Joe and Carol Jo Roeder, Sue and Steve Sternheimer, Sarah Spence, Ellen Ray, Sue Buswell, Jim Arney and Bill Case. Hopefully, we will increase both the number of passengers and volunteers from this effort. It was also good to have so many volunteers stop by our area.

Don't forget November 14 is Casino Night benefiting Neighbor Ride and the Vivian Reid Fund. Some tickets have been donated and will be drawn for volunteers, you could be one of the lucky ones to be offered free tickets.

Happy Fall! Many thanks for all you do!

Rosemary

TAKE A FRIEND TO LUNCH CAMPAIGN

In partnership with Cheeburger Cheeburger, LeeLynn's Dining Room and Lounge, and Victoria's Pub, registered passengers can take a friend to lunch when they refer a new passenger who registers with Neighbor Ride. This initiative supports our mission of decreasing isolation for Howard County seniors while encouraging seniors to register with Neighbor Ride and give us a try.

Please help promote this campaign as you transport passengers, let them know the campaign is underway.

Welcome to Neighbor Ride.....

**Fabienne Bukley, Mary Erickson, Abe Hollander,
Debbie Ross, Rosemary Wilhelm**

We hope you can join the celebration on November 19, 2009 at the Hawthorn Center (Hickory Ridge), 6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia, MD 21044. Time: 5-7 p.m., Program at 5:45 p.m. RSVP is needed if you have not done so already to community@neighborride.org. or call us (410-884-7433).