

PASSENGERS' COMMENTS

*"I couldn't be more pleased.
Thank you." JC*

*"Thank you for this
wonderful service which helps
me very much. I meet the
nicest and most interesting
drivers who make my rides
very enjoyable." RZ*

*"The driver was such a gift
in my life. I felt safe. We
talked, laughed, and had a
delightful trip." VW*

*"You are doing a fantastic
job; we can't say enough for
how helpful you are for the
community. The drivers are
courteous and helpful." DV*

*"Very pleased with Neighbor
Ride in all aspects." DV*

*"The volunteers are very
supportive and are very nice
to me." EP*

*"Thank you for all of your
help." KA*

*"Thank you all so very much
for the help for me! Think of
you with much love." CG-P*

From the Director.....



GREAT NEWS: Neighbor Ride was named as one of 21 national recipients (out of 450 applicants) of the prestigious STAR Search Senior Transportation Award by The Beverly Foundation – an organization that undertakes research, education and assistance to encourage and facilitate mobility and transportation for older adults. In receiving the award, Neighbor Ride was acknowledged as one of the “best of the

best” in terms of the enormous contribution it is making in the lives of older adults in America. This award is a tribute to the dedication of our volunteers and supporters, all committed to fulfilling our mission to decrease isolation and improve the quality of life for Howard County’s older residents. We’re thrilled to be receiving this award. Thank you for all that you have done to make Neighbor Ride what it is.
-Brad

Neighbor Ride’s Got Talent?

One among the many fun and fabulous runner-ups in the 5th Anniversary Slogan contest was “Going My Way.” Some of you may already be humming the tune; but for those of you who aren’t, “Going My Way” is the title of a song performed by Bing Crosby in a musical by the same name. Of course, that got us to thinking... what’s a celebration without music? With tweaking, Bing’s “Going My Way” would be a wonderful song for our November 19th celebration event. Needless to say, this is where the “Neighbor Ride’s Got Talent” question comes into play. Long-time volunteer driver, Bob Jackson, has already agreed to lend his vocal talent; and we’re wondering if there are other vocalists or musicians among our volunteers who would like to be a part of the performance. Please contact Colleen at community@neighborride.org for more information.

**Keep Saving the Dates..... November 14, 2009
for Casino Night to benefit Neighbor Ride and the Vivian
Reid FundNovember 19, 2009 for Neighbor Ride’s
5th Anniversary Celebration.....Watch for Details**

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.

August Stats

1= Rides cancelled,
no driver found

589= Number trips

175= Ride Coordinator
hours

69= Admin office hours

24= Misc. volunteer
office hours

Orientation dates:

September 4, 10 AM

September 9, 6 PM

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Coordinator's Corner.....

This has been a great summer for Neighbor Ride, lots of activity here with additional volunteers working in the office on a variety of tasks and out in the community photographing our volunteers in action. We participated in Senior Day at the Howard County Fair thanks to our volunteers: Joseph Murray, Alice and Lee Triplett, Emilie Sanborn, Andy Wakshul, Sharad Despande and Sharon Milheizler. Neighbor Ride had a table at the National Night Out event August 4th at the Owen Brown Village pool. In addition, many volunteers and friends supported Neighbor Ride by visiting the Wine Bin in Ellicott City on Wednesdays during August.

As the planning continues for our 5th anniversary celebration, we are looking forward to increasing our volunteer and passenger recruitment while continuing to show appreciation for our dedicated volunteers. Hope have saved the date: November 19 to join the party.

On October 3 Neighbor Ride will be participating in Highland Days with an information table. If you have time to help with staffing, please let me know. We're looking for 4 more volunteers between 11:30 and 3 PM (1.5 hour shift). It was a beautiful Fall day at last year's event and we have new active volunteers as a result.

Happy Labor Day to all current and past employees and outstanding volunteers!
Rosemary

Too Busy to Get Dinner on the Table?

Let's Dish! is a fun and easy way to get healthy, homemade dinners on your table; and from now through November 30th you can raise funds for Neighbor Ride at the same time. Sign up for as many sessions as you like at Let's Dish! during September, October and November and they will donate 10% of the proceeds back to Neighbor Ride. Plus, you'll get 4, 8, or 12 delicious meals ready to serve your family. Get your friends together to "dish" with you and make it a fun and productive night out!

Here's how it works:

1. Go to www.letsdish.com and select the location nearest you
2. Select an in-store session or their pick-up service, Dish-n-Dash
3. Choose a date and time that work for you and select 4, 8, or 12 meals from their monthly menu
4. Enter promotional code **F4-NEIGHBORRIDE5** on the page with your billing information

Welcome to Neighbor Ride.....

**Eileen Barry, Pat Fuhrer, Greg Jung, Diane Kubala,
Liz Mason, Adora Owei, Susan Reider**

