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You will have until January 29th to make the exchange.

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Dear Matt,

Welcome to the January 2010 *Journey*, the monthly newsletter of the Everybody Rides Metro Foundation. Everybody Rides Metro exists to help social service agencies serve their clients. We take this opportunity to share with you the care and concern each agency provides to their community.

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Partner Spotlight on Lower Price Hill Community School



The Mission of the Lower Price Hill Community School (LPHCS) is to remove barriers to education, provide Instructional and guidance services in a supportive and familiar environment, and assist individuals in meeting their educational and employment goals.

The Lower Price Hill Community School was founded in 1971 by neighborhood parents and grandparents tired of seeing their children drop out of the formal public school system. What started as small GED instructional classes in a windowless basement has turned into a modern learning facility that encompasses an entire floor of the old St. Michael

education, healthcare, and vital human services.

ACTIVITY REPORT

December 2009

Rides by Category:

Education	5,605
Healthcare	9,581
Jobs	19,344
Services	12,537

Total Rides Provided: 47,067

Total Clients: 7,291

Total Reimbursed to Agencies: \$51,946.70
(includes transfers reimbursed)

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OR, IF ALREADY A PARTNER, INTERESTED IN BEING FEATURED IN THE JOURNEY?

We would love to speak with you further about what your organization does and how Everybody Rides Metro can help you (or has already helped you) with your work. Please contact Rita Potts at 513-632-7609. [Click here to email Rita.](#)

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school building (In fact, they now co-own the entire St. Michael's Complex). The core programs still include one-on-one GED preparation, Adult Basic Literacy, and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other languages), tutoring, as well as on-site beginning college classes through collaboration with Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. All of their programs are free (with the exception of college tuition paid directly to Cincinnati State. Students can fund college tuition entirely through Pell and Ohio Instructional Grants.

LPHCS provides on-site childcare at no charge to those in the programs and also transportation assistance through bus tokens they purchase from Everybody Rides Metro. They also offer a free monthly legal clinic to assist students in removing barriers to employment that a past record may cause.

In addition to the educational services of their mission, they have recently taken over the community outreach services of the former St. Michael Center, which include a thrift store, weekly food pantry, and monthly (last week of each month) soup kitchen .

Each student comes through their doors with a different story. For some students just entering the walls is a major victory. There have been countless obstacles and challenges in their lives that prevented education from being a priority. Often their students realize the importance of school after their children enter the school system. They want to be role models and also to be able to effectively communicate with their children's teachers. Others may come after growing weary of life in the streets or after serving time for past mistakes that they do not want to repeat. No matter what brings them to LPHCS, the staff feel honored to be a part of their journey to a successful future.

LPHCS often hears that they are a well hidden Cincinnati secret. They hope they are not a secret anymore. There are so many exciting activities that happen not only at the school, but in the neighborhood where they reside. Lower Price Hill is an amazing place filled with wonderful people."There is a feeling of community here that I have never experienced anywhere else in Cincinnati," stated Jen Walters, Executive Director

Partner Spotlight on First Step Home

First Step Home helps women break the cycle of addiction and abuse to become self-sufficient, and provides a safe, nurturing environment for their children and families.

First Step Home has served over 2,500 women and children in the past 15 years. The agency provides individual and group substance abuse





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counseling, access to medical services, mental health assessments, life skills training, financial counseling, on-site child care, twelve step meetings and connections to job readiness programs. In addition, First Step Home offers a comprehensive child and family development program for children ages 0 to 12 years who are living with their mothers at the facility.

A current client discussed how she has a two-month old baby and the importance of the Everybody Rides Metro program to her. She uses the bus for doctor appointments and attending meetings. The bus is so important, especially with the bad weather that we had recently, she was able to still get to her appointments. Without ERM she will not be able to afford bus fare to get to the meetings and medical appointments.



Women and their children are provided a room which is shared with others. Many of these have been in other programs and this is their last chance to make a real change in their lives.

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