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ABOUT EVERYBODY RIDES METRO

Everybody Rides Metro is a foundation to improve sustainable lifestyles for the Cincinnati community through Metro. Everybody Rides Metro (ERM) is the first foundation in the nation to be formed by a regional transit authority.

Providing reliable transportation to help those in need connect to jobs, schools, healthcare, and vital human services.

ERM EMPLOYEE AND BOARD MEMBER CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Everybody Rides Metro Foundation had a campaign in December 2008 to get donations from employees and ERM Board Members. ERM received checks totaling \$1,175 for 2008. We also received pledges for 2009 totaling \$2,042.

Dear Matt,

Welcome to the February 2009 edition of *The Journey*, the monthly newsletter of the Everybody Rides Metro Foundation. Each month, we will be featuring agencies who partner with ERM to provide their clients with bus tokens for medical, educational, and employment purposes. We have been inspired by their stories, and we hope that you will be, too!

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ERM Partner Agency Spotlight: STOP AIDS



Kevin Drummond, the network fiscal coordinator for STOP AIDS, in front of the wall of tiles which commemorate those whose lives were touched by HIV/AIDS.

This spotlight takes a look at the work of an organization known as [STOP AIDS](#).

The mission of STOP AIDS is to fight HIV/AIDS through education, services and compassionate care one person at a time. STOP AIDS' vision is leading the fight against HIV/AIDS until there's a cure.

This nonprofit social service agency provides HIV testing, case management, and education programs to the Greater Cincinnati area. STOP AIDS makes presentations to community groups, schools, churches, nursing homes and others, tailored to the needs of the group making the request.

In 2008, 3,063 people were tested for HIV with 27 individuals testing positive for HIV antibodies. Once someone is found to test positive for HIV antibodies, he or she is given information about proper health,

We want to thank everyone who gave to ERM and request that during 2009, remember those in our community who must choose between buying food or paying for bus fare, or taking their children to the doctor or riding to work, and we ask that you be as generous in this new year as you were in the past.

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medical services, medications and case management services.

Testing is also done for Hepatitis C (for high risk groups) and in 2008, 138 people were tested with 36 individuals testing positive for the Hepatitis C virus.

In 2008, 924 individuals were involved in medical case management services. There were 181 dependents in the home of someone living with HIV who were also served by STOP AIDS. One example of help for those living in a home with an HIV client includes a mother who was able to get utility assistance for her and her child.

STOP AIDS provides access to employment opportunities by using Everybody Rides Metro (ERM). Many of its clients participate in the day labor work force.

STOP AIDS also uses a great deal of tokens from ERM to get people to medical and dental appointments as well as visits to local pharmacies. Not having access to medications places clients at a disadvantage in fighting their disease.

STOP AIDS has a volunteer program and those volunteers work on special events, help with mailings, and prepare packages for education outreach. Some of the large scale special events include Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, health fairs and expos, various outdoor fairs and festivals, and the annual Walk to STOP AIDS. Many people are reached through these special events.

ERM Partner Agency Spotlight: CAIN (Churches Active In Northside)



This is the welcoming environment that beckons the needy in Northside.

We next turn this month's spotlight on the work of [CAIN](#), or Churches Active In Northside.

Churches Active In Northside is a 501(c)3, faith-based organization of neighborhood churches that strives to love and serve all through their mission: We are called to be an instrument through which the whole Body of Christ in Northside can be a visible, dynamic, and transforming presence in the community of Northside.

CAIN meets the emergency needs of Northside's most vulnerable residents and encourages them and all citizens to work together to improve their lives and neighborhood.

CAIN provides basic necessities like food, emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities, clothing, household and hygiene items and diapers and furniture for low-income families. And this help takes on a seasonal nature. For example, this month, CAIN made coats, hats and gloves available in their pantry along with food items.



They are excited to be part of the Everybody Rides Metro program and to give a tokens to their clients when they have a need. One man recently had surgery on his leg and walked to CAIN for food assistance only a few days after his surgery. Thanks to ERM, he was able to ride the bus home with his food. Without the token program, he would never have made it walking home in his condition.

This is just one example. Most of their clients do not have cars and depend on the bus or walking to do everything, including medical appointments and meeting other needs.

Everybody Rides Metro truly has helped them meet clients' needs during these critical times.

Want your agency to be featured here?

We would love to speak with you further about what your organization does and how Everybody Rides Metro helps you with your work. Please contact Rita Potts at 513-632-9246 or rpotts@go-metro.com to set up an interview.

**Thank you,
Everybody Rides Metro Foundation**

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