



## August 2009

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### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The ERM Board at its meeting on August 11 elected the following new officers:

**Paul G. Sittenfeld,**  
*President*

**Hirsh Cohen,**  
*Vice-President*

**Steve Gibbs,**  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

### PLEASE DONATE



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Your tax-deductible donation helps to provide reliable transportation for those in need of employment, education, healthcare, and vital human services.

### ACTIVITY REPORT

Welcome to the August 2009 edition of *The 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.

Please take a moment to forward this email on to anyone you think may be interested. Use the "forward email" link at the bottom of this email to send it on to others.

## Don't forget to RSVP!

If you received an invitation to the **2009 ERM Thank You Luncheon** and are planning to attend, don't forget to RSVP by **AUGUST 30, 2009**. Please call Rita Potts at 513-632-7609 or email [rpotts@go-metro.com](mailto:rpotts@go-metro.com).

## Partner Spotlight: on Freestore Foodbank



The mission of the Freestore Foodbank is to provide food and services, create stability and further self-reliance for people in crisis.

When people think of the Freestore Foodbank they naturally think of feeding hungry people but those working at the Freestore Foodbank see that as the beginning and making a connection with the people who have many other needs. They help with housing assistance, foodstamp applications, provide protective payee services, transportation assistance and referrals to other services for health care, job placement and other important services.

**Bob Littmann, Associate Director Client Services, says, "Many clients have health conditions that create a need for numerous visits to doctors and the tokens from Everybody Rides Metro really helps the Freestore Foodbank provide the assistance people need." Prior to Everybody Rides Metro, the Freestore Foodbank would run out of**

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### Rides by Category:

Education	4,189
Healthcare	8,099
Jobs	35,948
Services	6,434

**Total Rides Provided:**  
54,570

**Total Clients:** 7,508

**Total Reimbursed to Agencies:** \$60,390.20  
(includes transfers reimbursed)

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARTNER?**

**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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**tokens before the end of a month and some people would have to wait or not receive the transportation help they needed.**

One client, Tracy, comes to the Freestore Foodbank to get tokens and food. She uses the tokens to get to various medical appointments located in all parts of town. If Everybody Rides Metro did not help, she would be sick at home and not get the needed medical attention.



Another client, DeAngelo B. Thomas, utilizes the tokens to get to job interviews. He had a job full-time and assistance for his first couple of weeks working until he received a paycheck. With the economy and cutback of hours, he is searching for a job again. He has a Culinary Arts diploma and is looking for a restaurant job. DeAngelo is taking business classes and hopes to

own his own restaurant one day. He is grateful to the Freestore Foodbank and Everybody Rides Metro for getting to both job interviews and work. Without the tokens he would not be able to continue his job search.

The Freestore Foodbank also provides clothing to those looking for jobs. If they get a job, they can utilize the token program until they receive their first pay check. This makes sure people get to the job without the financial stress of paying for transportation.

## Partner Spotlight on: Gateway House

**GATEWAY HOUSE**  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR MEN IN RECOVERY



On November 1, 1998, the GATEWAY HOUSE began operation at 2232 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45219. The GATEWAY HOUSE is a program providing housing for adult men in recovery from chemical dependency.

The Gateway House focuses on providing safe, affordable housing in an environment supportive of the resident's recovery attempt.

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The facility consists of three adjacent buildings with four individual apartments in each building. Each apartment houses 2 to 3 man bedrooms for a total capacity not to exceed 50. The rules of the program are that each apartment is self-sufficient.

Gateway House has partnered with Everybody Rides Metro to provide tokens to those residents who are seeking jobs. They are required to search for a job from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.



Once they find a job, tokens are provided until they receive their first paycheck. This helps assure that they will continue to work until their finances improve.

The program manager is John Conboy, a licensed independent social worker with a master's in social work from the University of Kentucky.

## This Month's Success Story: Stop / AIDS

stop) aids  
Prevention • Testing • Care

Last month, partner agencies who submitted client success stories with their monthly reports were entered into a drawing to receive a free Metro monthly pass. **Stop/AIDS** is the winner of the July drawing with this success story:

**"This month, we had a client diagnosed with Karposi's Sarcoma, and he found out that he would have to go to the doctor to begin treatment three times each week. This particular client does not have access to transportation. Thanks to our partnership with Everybody Rides Metro, we were able to provide the client with bus tokens so he could attend each of his weekly appointments."**

If you would also like a chance to win a pass, please send us stories about how your clients are using the tokens provided by ERM to get to jobs, education, health care, or other necessary services.

**Thank you,  
Everybody Rides Metro Foundation**

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