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ACTIVITY REPORT

Nov. 2011
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Total Rides Provided for Jobs:
18,303

Total Clients: 2,230

Total Reimbursed to Agencies: \$18,496.60
(includes transfers)

Dear Dave,

Welcome to the December 2011 *Journey*, the monthly newsletter of the **Everybody Rides Metro Foundation**, which exists to help social service agencies transport their clients. We take this opportunity to share with you the care and concern each agency provides to their community.

Message from the Executive Director



Dear ERM Partners,

We're always observing the transportation habits of Americans, and it appears that public mass transit - which we help subsidize for your clients - is regaining its footing.

For the first time since October 2008, there have been six consecutive monthly decreases in the number of drivers of private vehicles, as reported by USA Today in early December. Why is this important? Because when more people turn to public transit instead of driving, the nation's transit systems become more economically stable. Things like existing routes, new routes, and frequency of Metro buses are all dependent on a steady volume of riders.

In the next 30 days Everybody Rides Metro will have full-year data of total rides and destinations to share with you. Meanwhile, Rita Potts and I look forward to serving you and your clients throughout the coming year. Best wishes for success to each of you in 2012!

Sincerely,

Joe Curry

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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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- find out how partner agencies use Metro bus tokens to help their clients get to essential services for sustainable lifestyles.

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Executive Director

Talbert House TAPP Program

The TAPP Program was initially founded for women leaving the Program in the Ohio Reformatory for Women. Two women ex-offenders, Corliss West and Janice Sawyer, saw a need in the community to assist women ex-offenders, homeless women, and women with substance use disorder overcome the stigma and obstacles related to their circumstances. Both Corliss & Janice are recovering addicts and ex-Offenders. The therapeutic training they received in the "Tapestry" therapeutic community program was priceless.

The TAPP Program provides:

- A positive and therapeutic environment where people who have similar problems live and work together to better their lives
- Help reduce crime in the community
- Promote long-term abstinence from drugs and alcohol
- Offer case management to meet the needs of each resident through assessment, including job skills development, education, housing, financial literacy and access to medical and dental services
- Provide individual mentors for each participant
- Teach the women coping skills to problem solve and stages of recovery to sustain and support their recovery
- Build self-esteem, respect and accountability
- Mesh families and restore a healthy lifestyle

To be admitted to the program the client is required to be an ex-offender (certified homeless certificate required) with substance use or co-occurring disorder (women with children accepted) and sign a contract committing to participate in the therapeutic program process and abide by the rules of the program. This is free to the client. An additional service includes rent paid to a landlord by TAPP Program for a period of up to 9 months (program is funded through HUD).

One success story is a woman in her 20's entered the TAPP Program this year. She has one child. She has maintained three years of sobriety. She has been looking for employment since starting the program. TAPP gave the client bus tokens for transportation for job interviews. She became employed through a temp agency. She has been working there for over 4 months. It is possible that this could turn into a permanent job. Prior to placement she had been homeless for a number of years. She continues

to remain sober due to sober supports and attending AA/NA meetings weekly.

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