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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

#### January 2010

Rides by Category:  
Jobs 18,417

Total Rides  
Provided: 18,417

Total Clients: 2,071

Total Reimbursed to  
Agencies: \$20,446.50  
(includes transfers  
reimbursed)

Dear Matt,

Welcome to the February 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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## Welcome to the New Executive Director, Joseph B. Curry

The Everybody Rides Metro Board and staff welcome **Joseph B. Curry** as the new executive director.

Prior to joining Everybody Rides Metro, Joe worked at Convergys Corporation as Director of Corporate Communications and Managing Director of Convergys Foundation, Taft Museum of Art, Development Director, Peterloo Foundation as Chief Operating Officer and Cowan's Auctions as a consultant.

**ERM Partners will meet Joe at the next meeting on March 11, 2010.**

## Partner Spotlight on Women Helping Women

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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.

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**Women Helping Women** serves Southwestern Ohio as a unique provider of crisis intervention and support services. These services treat direct and indirect victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. WHW also takes a leading role in educating the community to promote awareness and help prevent these types of abuse.

"The bus tokens from Everybody Rides Metro have helped so many clients attend support groups and get the help they needed," stated Leah Holland, Direct Services Supervisor. "Women Helping Women will not be able to provide bus tokens to their clients if ERM does not provide the subsidy in the future."

Women Helping Women provides a 24-Hour Crisis Line, Hospital Accompaniment, Individual Crisis Intervention, Court and Law Enforcement Advocacy, Support Groups, Date Rape/Dating Violence Prevention Programs, Community Education/Professional Training, Crime Victims Assistance, Victim Compensation, Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE), and the HopeLine Program.

## Partner Spotlight on YWCA

The **YWCA** is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

"Everybody Rides Metro is so helpful in providing bus tokens because many of the clients who are participating in the GED and job training programs could not get to their sessions without this assistance," stated Corrie Madden.



Ryan began the YWCA's Employment Resources for Youth program in

August of 2006 to earn her GED. With two children (ages 2 and 4) she knew it would be challenging, but Ryan is a highly motivated individual and is willing to keep working hard so that she can take care of her two children. "My kids are a big motivation to keep working hard," she said.

While in the GED program, Ryan was also enrolled in the Employment Resources for Youth program. She learned valuable job and life skills like how to dress and speak properly during an interview. She also learned how to manage her time and her money, an important skill for a mother of two who is working and going to school. Ryan passed the GED and officially graduated in April 2007. "I felt as though I had accomplished some of my goals." After graduation, Ryan enrolled in college and was able to go back to work at Wendy's before school started again.

Ryan is currently attending Cincinnati State, studying occupational therapy, while working part-time to pay for school through FAFSA loans. She continues to participate in the YWCA Employment Retention Program, and plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to complete her Bachelor of Arts in Nursing.

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