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ACTIVITY REPORT

February, 2010
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Rides by Category:
Jobs 18,032

Total Rides
Provided: 18,032

Total Clients: 745

Dear Matt,

Welcome to the April 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 Cincinnati Union Bethel

The mission of Cincinnati Union Bethel is to provide supportive services and education that assist urban women, children, families, and communities to realize their greatest potential.

Everybody Rides Metro has been helpful to the Cincinnati Union Bethel Off The Streets Program. The tokens provided by ERM help the participants get to job interviews, employment, medical care, and other critical appointments.



Off the Streets is a community collaborative that coordinates services for prostituted women as they explore and practice positive changes in their lives. The program provides a safe and non-judgmental environment, a sense of community, and support through peer staff.

One client lived in an abandoned building, abused heroin, and was involved in prostitution for over 11 years. She once shared a story of waking up after a rainy day and cold night and having to crack her frozen clothes before putting them on. After being arrested, she asked her judge

Total Reimbursed to Agencies: \$19,991.80
(includes transfers reimbursed)

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

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to sentence her to OTS. During her engagement, she was connected to needed medical care and began attending 12-step meetings. Today she is living in her own apartment and is studying graphic design in college. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA through her first 2 years. She also regularly visits OTS to offer encouragement to new women.

Partner Spotlight on Over-the-Rhine Learning Center



The Over-the-Rhine Learning Center is a ministry of First Lutheran Church at 1212 Race Street. Its mission is to provide easy access for teens and adults in the Over-the-Rhine area to develop the literacy and life skills necessary to reach their life goals in an environment sensitive to their complex life challenges.

"One client was using the tokens to get to study groups to help pass the GED and within 6 months had improved three grade levels," stated Leslie Cook, Director of OTR Learning Center.

Clients at the OTR Learning Center are able to improve reading skills, obtain a GED, have access to the computer lab, obtain job search support, develop a resume, and use the telephone and fax machine which is important during the job search.

The G.E.D. instructor, Tamara Johnson, said "the G.E.D. test has changed and students must work on basic math skills such as fractions, decimals, and percents and also must progress through at least the equivalent of one year of high school algebra and one year of geometry to be prepared for the test.

While this is a challenge, students are coming to the classes so they can complete the testing process."

Using Credit Cards?

The use of credit cards by our partners to purchase tokens imposes a transaction fee on Everybody Rides Metro. During 2009 those transaction fees were the equivalent of **1,109 bus rides**. So if you have a choice, please buy your tokens with a check. If half our partners switched to checks, we'd be able to provide over **550 more rides** per year.

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