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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.

NEW PARTNER

ERM would like to welcome the following new partner agency:

[St Vincent de Paul / St. William Conference](#)

ACTIVITY REPORT

June 2009

Rides by Category:
Education 6,557
Healthcare 4,850

Welcome to the July 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.

You May Have Heard About Changes at ERM...

Mr. Ted Bergh is no longer serving as Executive Director of ERM, but Metro is committed to the seamless continuation of Everybody Rides Metro and the great work we do in providing reliable transportation to those in need.

The ERM Board will hold its regular monthly meeting on August 11, at which point officers will be elected. Please make plans to attend the upcoming partner meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2009 in the Mt. Adams Conference Room at Metro, 12th Floor, Gwynne Building, 602 Main Street at 8:30 am.

In addition, mark your calendars now for the annual ERM luncheon, to be held this year at Crossroads Community Church on Thursday, September 17, 2009 from 11:30am to 1pm. Catering will be furnished by Venice on Vine, a non-profit employment education program that provides on-the-job training to inner-city residents.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Donna Adkins at dadkins@go-metro.com or 632-7610.

Serving First-Time Moms in Avondale with Every Child Succeeds

Jobs 33,464
Services 3,342

Total Rides Provided:
48,221

Total Clients: 4,698

Total Reimbursed to Agencies: \$53,034.30
(includes transfers reimbursed)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR METRO MONTHLY PASS WINNER



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. **CAIN (Churches Active in Northside)** is the winner of that drawing. 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.

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



Avondale Mothers on a Mission Support Group Mission Statement: "Starting Prenatally we want healthy happy babies. We want to become resourceful and instill goals and values in our children's lives that will carry them into adulthood"

Everyone Rides Metro Foundation is partnering with Every Child Succeeds to help moms in Avondale get to work and take advantage of helpful community resources. The result? Healthier, happier children.

Every Child Succeeds, or ECS, is a home visitation program designed to help first-time, at-risk moms create a nurturing, healthy home environment for their children. It was founded in 1999 by three organizations - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency and United Way of Greater Cincinnati. To date, ECS has served almost 15,000 families through more than 298,000 home visits.



Home visits by social workers, nurses and other child development specialists take place from the time of pregnancy until the child's third birthday. They focus on strengthening the mother-child relationship, parenting strategies, health and wellness, and other important areas. All services are provided at no charge.

ECS launched the ECS/Avondale Partnership in 2008 to target moms in this high-risk community. In addition to receiving frequent home visits, moms are invited to attend monthly support group meetings. The Partnership enrolls dads whenever possible - six currently participate in home visits and attend support group meetings.

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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Please visit the ERM web site, where you will find interesting and helpful information: get the latest news, calculate your carbon footprint, find out how partner agencies use Metro bus tokens to help their clients get to essential services for sustainable lifestyles.

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The ECS/Avondale Partnership also runs the Avondale Caring Network Pantry, which provides diapers, formula, and clothing for children. The Pantry is open to all eligible Avondale families and located at Carmel Presbyterian Church, 3549 Reading Road, also home to the Partnership's offices.

Everybody Rides Metro Foundation provides tokens at a discount for ECS moms enrolled in the Avondale program. "This support from Metro is critical," says Anita Brentley, who coordinates the ECS/Avondale Partnership. "Tokens allow moms to commute to work, get their babies to important medical appointments and come to our office for all kinds of support and encouragement."

For more information about Every Child Succeeds, visit www.everychildsucceds.org.

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati



Since 1953, the Epilepsy Foundation has been responding to the needs of the person with epilepsy, their families and the community-at-large. An array of services are provided that are unduplicated in the Greater Cincinnati area. These programs and services include: Therapeutic Camp for Children, School Support, Job Training, Community Education, Group Homes for adults with Epilepsy and/or Development Delays, Support Groups, Counseling, Professional Seminars, and Vocation Day Program.

Epilepsy support groups meet once a month in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren County in Ohio and Florence, Kentucky. The meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and provide help in understanding that there is help for each individual.

Doug Simmons, Director of Advocacy, says "bus transportation is essential for our clients to get to various appointments and that is why we appreciate being partners with Everybody Rides Metro so bus tokens will be made available to our individual clients when needed."

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati's Mission statement: We will ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research.

**Thank you,
Everybody Rides Metro Foundation**

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