



# THE JOURNEY

eNewsletter

## July 2010

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Thursday,  
September 16, 2010

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**Dear Matt,**

Welcome to the July 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 The Women's Connection**

The Mission of The Women's Connection is to be a neighborhood center providing support for change by educating, empowering, and enriching women, children and families.

Women's programs include Employment Connections, Piecemakers (learning to quilt, sew and create crafts), Coupon Club, scrapbooking, machine sewing, Workshop and Activities (domestic issues, stress relievers, self esteem), Hispanic Women's Group- "Las Hispanas", Women Survivors Group (domestic abuse) and Alcoholics Anonymous (Non-smoking and for Women).

The Employment Connections program gives women one-on-one assistance to identify obstacles and set realistic goals. The Women's Connection provides computers, internet, fax machines, phones and a copier, as well as tips on resume writing, job search tools, and other important job -seeker support. Clients are



## ACTIVITY REPORT

June, 2010  
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Rides by Category:  
Jobs 31,505

Total Rides  
Provided: 31,505

Total Clients: 3,425

Total Reimbursed to  
Agencies: \$34,856.10  
(includes transfers  
reimbursed)

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invited to attend workshops about job search skills, continuing education and employment/career opportunities. They can also receive additional resources and referrals for Job Fairs, Employment Services, Work and Interview Clothes, Child Care Options and other services needed to carry out their employment search.

Additional programs include Girl's Club (ages 8-11), Girl's Life (ages 12-14), Girl's Night In (a workshop series for ages 14-18) all designed to help girls learn life skills and make healthy life choices. Teen Mothers program is also available.

The Women's Connection participated in the Women's Fund grant program through Everybody Rides Metro which provided subsidized Metro bus passes to working women. To qualify the participants needed to be employed, living at or below the poverty level, able to help pay their share of the pass, and to have completed a budgeting class provided by Santa Maria Community Services. The ERM grant subsidized the remaining cost of the monthly pass. Over a dozen different women have attended the budgeting classes and received assistance with a pass throughout the past six months.

"Everybody Rides Metro and The Women's Fund are to be commended for assisting The Women's Connection with this important transportation need, stated Linda Keller, Employment/Education Coordinator. "They are always grateful for the opportunity to improve their lives."

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT ON Lighthouse Youth Services



The Mission of Lighthouse Youth Services is to advance the dignity and

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well being of children, youth and families in need. Lighthouse encourages good citizenship, responsible behavior and self-reliance.

Lighthouse Youth Services has recently relocated to 401 East McMillan Street in East Walnut Hills. This building provides ample space for their growing programs and it is a historic building constructed in 1917 by the Gruen Watch Company.

The many services for runaway and homeless youth include a 24-hour direct access emergency shelter for youth in crisis, young adults being taught life skills while residing in agency-owned or leased, supervised apartments; Lighthouse outreach workers provide food, supplies, and assistance to homeless youth on the streets in Cincinnati and Anthony House, a drop-in center for older homeless youth, provides a food pantry, case management, counseling, and health care services. Other services are Early Childhood Services, Community-Based Residential Treatment, Services to Delinquent Youth, Home-Based and School-Based Services, Parenting Enrichment Services, Training and Consultation Services, Foster Care and Independent Living Services and Education that Opens Doors.

Case in point: One client came to New Beginnings, Lighthouse Youth Services Community Based Residential Treatment Center for girls and it appeared as though she would be a victim forever. In only nine months, she became empowered, assertive, and able to stand up for herself. When she turned 17, she was placed in a Lighthouse apartment through the Independent Living Program, where she spent a year learning to become more self-sufficient. She also attended the Lighthouse Community School and became the first in her family to secure a high school diploma. This client completed the Lighthouse programs with many of the tools she will need for a self-reliant life: a part-time job, savings account, high school diploma, skills to make it on her own, and confidence to succeed.

Many Lighthouse programs use tokens from Everybody Rides Metro. They are such a help to get the clients to various appointments and commute to their jobs or school.

**Thank You,  
EVERYBODY RIDES METRO FOUNDATION.**

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