



Partners For Community Living

enhancing the quality of life for people served by
Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association



You can Adopt-A-Van

Would your life change without transportation?

Do you know that Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association combined

operate a fleet of 90 vans as an integral part of our mission in support of our residents and clients. Our vans assure access to an open and integrated community, with professionally trained and caring staff.

Residents and clients depend on our vans as their only source of transportation to work, adult day programs, medical appointments, shopping and recreation and leisure-time activities. **Connie Ross, whom you met in our resident spotlight, couldn't have enjoyed that scenic trip to the Ohio River, shopping in Santa Claus, Indiana, or getting out and around her neighborhood if there were no RHA van there to support her.** Choices clients from Clark and Madison counties could not have taken their recent trip to LaComedia to enjoy dinner and a performance of *The Little Mermaid*. Fun-Fit participants can't get to their activities at YMCAs and recreation centers without us providing them transportation. This list can go on and on, with as many examples as there are residents and clients out and about in the community each day.

Accessibility to the community made possible by our transportation services is at risk. Our vehicle fleet is aging, with some more than 13 years old, with high mileage. As vans age they become less reliable and need more costly repairs. Like others in the community, we too have been the subject of crime with the theft of catalytic converters stolen right from our vans, at a cost of up to \$3,700 for replacement.

What are we doing to face these challenges? We have no choice but to replace catalytic converters when they are stolen. We maintain a rigorous maintenance schedule for our vans and that's one of the reasons we're able to keep them on the road for so long. And now we have made a commitment to focus our fundraising to help with the purchase of new vans and to cover repair expenses. Proceeds from our fundraising activities, like Jingle Bucks and Giving Tuesday will be designated to our Adopt-A-Van effort. We will designate individual gifts to Partners, Choices and Resident Home to this effort, unless otherwise directed by our donors.

What can you do to help with these challenges? Join us as an Adopt-A-Van partner with a tax-deductible gift in any amount, made payable to Partners For Community Living. Support our fundraising activities. Thank our drivers when you see them out in the community. Give a big smile to our residents and clients when you see them participating right alongside you as you are shopping, going out to eat, seeing a movie, going to a ball game and so much more. Your support means all that to them!



Of all the words we could share to show the importance of our vans to the quality of life of those we serve, all of them together could not equal the depth of that message as seen in the smile on the face of Loretta Wallace as she prepares to get out and about in the community.



Giving Tuesday is the annual Global Day of Giving, dedicated to uplifting communities, empowering nonprofits and celebrating kindness. It is seen as a kick-off of the year-end giving season. Giving Tuesday is scheduled this year on November 30.

Partners is participating in this day of giving as one of the nonprofits to receive donations. Donations we receive from our participation this year will be designated to our Adopt-A-Van project. To participate in Giving Tuesday with a gift to Partners, please go to <https://bit.ly/2021PartnersGT>.



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JINGLE BUCKS 2021



You can support people with developmental/intellectual disabilities and have an opportunity to win cash just in time for the holidays by purchasing your 2021 Jingle Bucks tickets. Proceeds from Jingle Bucks '21 will provide funds in support of Adopt-A-Van.

\$50 each or 3 tickets for \$100

Only 500 tickets are sold!!!

Tickets available October 15.

One winning ticket will be drawn on December 17.

Tickets available online at <https://bit.ly/JingleBucks2021> or by calling the offices of Choices In Community Living or Resident Home Association.

Checks may be made payable to:
Partners For Community Living/ Adopt-a-Van
1651 Needmore Road
Dayton, Ohio 45414

Summer of service

from Annie Shaver, Partners Development Coordinator

One of the favorite parts of my work this summer was supporting a group of 15 student volunteers and their three leaders as they spent three days with us. They joined us as part of their mission of service while they attended Student Life Camp at Cedarville University. Our volunteers drove all the way from the First Baptist Church in O'Fallon, Illinois. While it was a different group of young volunteers this year, volunteers from this church group have joined us previously as part of the annual Student Life Camp at Cedarville. We were very happy to welcome them back.

They brightened up our homes at RHA by sweeping and washing windows, inside and out. One day they had a car wash at Choices, where they washed about 20 vans. The next day they had a car wash at RHA, where they washed another ten or so ... including their own van that had traveled all those miles from Illinois ... commenting that their van was the dirtiest of all!

I was honored to tell them about Partners, RHA and Choices and to thank them for the important service they gave us, especially in washing our vans.

I shared that maintaining our vehicles helps them last longer, and that keeping them clean is an important part of that maintenance. With all our vehicles being larger and having wheelchair lifts and ramps, going to a car wash can cost more than \$20 for each van. With their service of washing 30 vans, they gave us a gift equal to \$600. That's \$600 that could be used for recreation, fun and other needs for our residents/clients.

They gave us gifts that cannot be measured as well. They shared great attitudes and didn't once complain about the heat or the tasks we had them do. They understood the connection between their service and the value of that work to our residents/clients. As they said prayers, they focused on our residents/clients with respect and dignity. What a memorable way to spend some summer days!



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