

# ...and the beat goes on

## Rock for Rides Battle of the Bands

GlenMark Farms (In New Town)  
3500 Hempstead Street  
Saint Charles, MO

October 1, 2017 4:00 PM — 7:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun as we celebrate eight years of service providing over 40,000 rides to seniors, the visually impaired and adults with disabilities.

Enjoy music trivia “Name that Riff”, dancing, a silent auction and...



**GOOD EATS, GOOD DRINKS, GOOD COMPANY, GOOD CAUSE**

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Online registration & payment: [www.itngateway.org](http://www.itngateway.org)

Early Bird Special — \$35/ticket or 2 for \$60

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## A Note from Our Executive Director



As I write this note, I think back over the last six years and all that has transpired since I took this job. We have gone from averaging 300 rides a month to 900 rides a month. I remember when we celebrated our 10,000th ride and now we are on the threshold of giving our 45,000th ride.

But most of all, I remember all the people I have had the pleasure to meet – some are still with us and some are not. Their welcoming smiles, laughter, and stories have warmed our hearts. In fact, one lady told me I wouldn't know the town where she grew up. Not only did I know the town, but found out she graduated from the same high school as my parents and remembered my mom who was two years younger.

In a world that is insanely busy, taking one of our elders for a ride to 'somewhere they need to go,' makes you slow down and enjoy the moment. I see frequent articles on mindfulness; it is the latest rage. Might I suggest a dose of mindfulness - take a senior for a ride. It's easy, it's rewarding, and it's based on your availability. Visit our website [www.itnstcharles.org](http://www.itnstcharles.org) or give us a call and join our wonderful team of volunteer drivers.

Best wishes,  
Susan Kallash-Bailey

### Supply Wish List

- ♦ Volunteer drivers
- ♦ Gas Cards
- ♦ Postage Stamps
- ♦ Office Supplies-
  - ♦ Copy Paper,
  - ♦ Mailing labels
- ♦ Gift Cards to office supply stores
- ♦ Office volunteers
- ♦ Gift baskets for our fundraiser
- ♦ In-Kind donations of:
  - print and radio advertisements
- ♦ Volunteer drivers



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We here at ITNGateway would be forever grateful if you chose ITNGateway as your charitable organization to donate to. For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

## Featured Rider: Michael Dompierre

“Cold and snowy.” This is how Michael Dompierre describes growing up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan from 1953 until 1980. Perhaps it was in these “cold and snowy” conditions where Mike developed his strength and positive outlook on everything, and everyone with whom he comes in contact.

In 1980, Mike had the chance to move south, and get away from the unpleasant winters that residents of the Upper Peninsula endure. This opportunity came from the University of Missouri—St. Louis (UMSL) where he worked for nearly a decade. While working at UMSL, he married JoAnne (now deceased), and resided in different areas of St. Louis County.



Mike had the opportunity for a change of scenery in 1989. He left his position at UMSL and began working at St. Charles Community College (SCC), as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. He still works there today and loves his job. During his first 15 years of work at SCC, Mike continued to live in St. Louis County, but in 2004 he made the move to St. Peters, where he currently resides.

Aside from loving his job, Mike has two children, David and Amanda, and five grandchildren, who are the center of his life. In 2002, at the age of 48, Mike found out he had multiple sclerosis, and would eventually need a wheelchair as a means of getting around. As a strong and independent individual, Mike realized that he would need transportation that would allow him to continue going to work and other places he needs to go. In 2013, Mike met an individual working at the Delta Center—Independent Living facility, and was referred to ITN*Gateway*.

Every day, we are grateful to assist Mike with his transportation needs. Mike's life is a bit easier by having this daily service and we are happy that we have been able to help him for the last four years. Moreover, the students at St. Charles Community College have a little less stress in their student careers knowing they have a dedicated individual such as Mike taking care of their academic affairs. Mike obviously has gotten to know our van drivers, especially Jeff Outlaw, his most frequent daily driver. He has enjoyed the friendly conversations and comradery. He said, “I love the service and it has been exceptional.”

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### NOTE:

We have a new address: **17 Point West Boulevard, Suite A, St. Charles, MO 63301**  
...and it just around the corner from our old location.

## Help on Wheels

ITNGateway provides over 900 rides per month. The typical average cost to ITN of providing each ride is \$12 (in addition to the fee paid by the rider).



Our evergreen program, Help On Wheels, aims to assist with covering the cost of these rides, which allows ITN to continue to grow and serve the community, providing rides to seniors, adults with visual impairment and adults with disabilities. A \$12 monthly donation (which subsidizes 1 ride) not only helps us create a stable revenue stream; it also allows our customers to remain independent and leads to safer roads. ...AND it's super easy to setup!

Just go to our website: ([www.gateway.org](http://www.gateway.org)) and click on the Help on Wheels logo.

It takes only a couple of minutes to sign up, and we will send you a Help on Wheels mug (in addition to a receipt for tax purposes).

Please consider making this small tax-free recurring donation to ITN, to keep dignified transportation available in St. Charles County and St. Louis County.

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