

Summer 2018

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...and the beat goes on and the rides go on... *Rock for Rides*

370 Lakeside Park
Saint Peters, MO

Sept. 22, 2018 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun as we celebrate eight years of service providing over 55,000 rides to seniors, the visually impaired and adults with disabilities.

Enjoy car trivia “Name that Rides”, dancing, a silent auction and...

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A Note from Our Executive Director



As you can see by this newsletter, it has been a very busy year and it is only half over. I hope you enjoy reading about our adventures and our new employees.

We would love to have you join us at **Rock for Rides**, as it is always a fun, fall event...and this year we are back at the beautiful 370 Lakeside Park.

As the need for services continues to grow—your support is very much appreciated.

Susan Kallash-Bailey

NEW FACES at ITNGateway

In our new St. Louis office, we welcome **Charlie** Klauke.



Charlie comes to ITN with a wide and varied background. He is a native St. Louisian, graduating from Riverview Gardens High School and receiving a BS from Washington University, and a MBA from St. Louis U. He spent 31 years in information systems at Anheuser-Busch in a wide range of system development initiatives including production/distribution planning, accounting, and marketing. After retirement he has remained active by traveling the U.S. and Canada, and working. His part-time work has included financial planning, wine store sales, paralegal for a private attorney, and St. Louis

Circuit Attorney's Office. He is a board member of Anheuser-Busch Employees' Credit Union. Charlie and his wife Mary have been married 34 years; have three children and four grandchildren. When he is not working, you can find Charlie on the golf course.

In our St. Charles office we welcome: **Jenniffer (Jen)** Fisher and **Rose** Hites

Jen joins ITNGateway with 11 years combined experience working with the senior population, including private support case management and adult daycare. Prior to joining the team at ITNGateway Jen served as Vice Chair on the ITN Board of Directors. When she is not working for ITN, you will find her in her studio working on pretty pieces of jewelry for her business, Jenni Be Jeweled. Married to her best friend Marc for 13 years they share four beautiful children who are scattered from New York, South Carolina, Colorado and Missouri. Jen is grateful for the opportunity to work with such a wonderful organization and has enjoyed meeting our riders and family members! She believes that a small effort from enough people will yield a big result.



Rose, our resident veteran, comes to ITN through SCSEP, Senior Community Service Employment Program managed by MERS Goodwill. She served for six years in the United States Navy; four of which were active duty. After her tour of duty, she acquired an Associate Degree in Math and Science from Florida Community College in Jacksonville. Her career has included over 30 years in accounting, 15 of which were in the non-profit sector where she has served as staff accountant and bookkeeper including time at United Services for Children and the Alzheimer's Association. Rose is an avid reader who enjoys suspense thrillers and contemporary romance. She has two children and one grandchild.

Celebrating Milestones

The non-profit Independent Transportation Network of America reached one million rides this past May, and *ITNGateway* contributed to this incredible milestone. As part of this nationwide, non-profit transportation network dedicated, *ITNGateway* is celebrating!

We are making a difference for people who are no longer able to drive! Our team is made up of volunteer and paid drivers, a dedicated group that has given 55,466 rides over the past 8 years, putting 309,622 miles on tires so everyone can have access to adequate mobility. ITN alleviates the burden on older drivers, helping them make a safe and smooth transition from the driver's seat to the passenger seat. No one should wind up stranded at home once they can no longer safely operate their own automobile. It's important work, and we're proud to be doing it here.

On May 9th, we launched our service in St. Louis County with a ribbon cutting, welcoming the members of the community including riders and volunteers. Our thanks to **Vouga Elder Law and Estate Planning** for our office space and hosting our ribbon cutting reception. As of this writing, ITN has already provided 218 rides in St. Louis County. We welcome our 27 new riders and 20 new volunteer drivers. We are excited to be the first ITN Affiliate to have multiple branches and expand into a new metropolitan area.

We want to thank the following **major donors** that have supported us in our expansion:

- * **The Kahn Foundation of Congregation Temple Israel**
- * **The Daughters of Charity Foundation of St. Louis**
- * **The Retirement Research Foundation**
- * **Federal Transit Authority**



We are one of 13 ITN affiliates nationwide and we gather annually to share best



practices; in support of our efforts, the founder of ITNAmerica, Katherine Freund (pictured center left) is visiting affiliates. She made a visit to St. Louis to meet our local board of directors and we welcomed her with a wine and cheese reception. Through collaboration and working together, ITN communities have made such a significant impact nationwide: one million rides translates into [?,???,??] miles for older people getting where they need to go. ITN keeps transportation

affordable, sustainable and community-based by tapping into social capital and unleashing community good will. We treat riders like old friends, not fares, and help our older community members get where they need to go.

Help us today by signing up as volunteer to drive—**www.itngateway.org**

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) and click on the Help on Wheels logo.

Please consider making this small tax-free recurring donation to ITN, to support dignified transportation.

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- ♦ 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