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2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Safe. Affordable. Flexible.

HISTORY

When Metro Transit officials cut back public bus service to the west metro community in Mound in 2010, it didn't sit well with Mike Skinner. Skinner, who is legally blind, uses public transit extensively and felt that others would also be inconvenienced - or worse - by the elimination of weekend but service and the reduction in downtown runs during the week.

To help those in need, Skinner and several community leaders created WeCAB - a grass-roots ride system that pairs riders with volunteer drivers in five adjoining west metro communities. "We imagined it



might be exclusively senior citizens," said Pam Myers, retired school superintendent and WeCAB volunteer. "We were wrong."

The ride system has helped people looking for jobs who don't have a car, seniors no longer able to drive, single moms who need to drop off a child or visit a food shelf, and people who need daily chemotherapy or radiation treatments.

MISSION

WeCAB is a network of volunteers whose mission is to provide safe, affordable, and flexible supplemental transportation for:

- Access to Metro Transit
- Community Services (volunteer or social events)
- Medical Appointments
- Running Errands
- Shopping local businesses (grocery stores, food shelves)
- Worship Services

PROGRAM

WeCAB provides rides when public transportation is not available or too complicated. Riders must be registered with WeCAB and live in either the Carver County or Westonka (part of Hennepin county) service areas. Volunteer drivers are trained, and background checks are performed. Rides are accepted based on volunteer availability.



851
riders

52

volunteer drivers

1,124

volunteer hours

1,856

rides provided

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What a wonderful year it has been...

When I started thinking about what I would write in this newsletter, Mr. Louis Armstrong's *What a Wonderful World* was playing through my mind. And, while the world is very full of wonder, I can't help but think that for WeCAB it has been a particularly blessed, wonderful year.

At our 2019 volunteer dinner, we were able to celebrate the foundational and continued support of Ridgeview Medical Center - the recipient of our very first Inspirational Leadership Award. Mr. Michael Phelps, President and CEO of Ridgeview Medical Center, joined us to accept the award on behalf of Ridgeview Medical Center and spent the evening dining and talking with our many volunteers.

This past year, WeCAB drivers hit the 200,000 mile mark - and we have kept on rolling - currently at 218,154 miles and counting! And, thanks to the generosity of the Chanhassen Rotary, WeCAB is able to offer a new incentive program for drivers as well as a referral program.

We are also excited to be able to get involved in an exciting training opportunity this spring presented jointly by Helping Hands Twin Cities and Minnesota Association of Volunteer Administration that is designed to bring about a wonderful culture of volunteering in our organization to share in our communities. We continue to need more volunteers - drivers and dispatchers. The need for our services is growing, and if statistics and projections are correct, will continue to grow. Please, please invite your neighbors and friends to join us in one of the best and most flexible volunteer opportunities around: WeCAB!

It has indeed been a wonderful year for WeCAB - and with your assistance and support may we continue to be of service to our communities.

Thank you!

Katie Boller Gosewisch, Executive Director

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THANK YOU DONORS

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- Presbyterian Homes
- Rotary
- Southwest Transit
- Waconia Fire Relief Association
- Waconia West Carver Rotary
- Wright Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association

FINANCES

	Oct 2019 - Sept 2020
Total Revenue	\$42,915
Total Expenses	\$49,944

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	
Total Assets	\$50,589
Total Liabilities	\$6,007*
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$44,582

*\$5,600 PPP was forgiven November 4, 2020



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