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BULLETIN OF INDEPENDENT  
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

**iTNBluegrass™**  
Dignified transportation for seniors

# “SAFE TRAVELS”

## From The Desk of The Founder & The Board



On March 27th, iTN Drivers and Office Volunteers joined Staff and Board Members for a fun afternoon. We had time to get to know each other and enjoy refreshments.

Gale shared program updates and new initiatives, including the upcoming Volunteer Recruitment Campaign (more details to come). iTN has begun holding regular New Volunteer Driver trainings and meetings. Our goal is to ensure we keep everyone up-to-date, and with all the support they need to provide the best service possible for our Members.

iTN Drivers and Volunteers have a very special quality, they truly care about the people they serve! We so appreciate each and every one of our Volunteers and Drivers and look forward to working together as we grow iTN into the future.

## 5,000 Rides & Counting!

On Friday, March 21, 2025 Karl Voskuhl provided his 5,000th ride in almost 4 years. His rider that day had been with him for 77 of those journeys.

Karl retired from Toyota in Georgetown after 15+ years in Quality Engineering. He says he “tracked stuff that many people might not track”. Retirement found him sitting at his computer, watching YouTube videos, & regretting the next lawn mowing event.

On the suggestion of an associate Karl reached out to iTNBluegrass. Two days later, he met with the Executive Director. He was oriented and trained twenty-four short hours later and started his volunteer driving adventure. During his four years he has helped countless local citizens stay active and engaged in the community. Doctor appointments, eye appointments, grocery pickups, prescription pickups, hair salons, and more have marked his days.

Karl says he has met some really amazing Lexingtonians over that time and is looking forward to his next 5,000 rides!



*iTNBluegrass Volunteer Driver, Karl Voskuhl on his 5,000th Ride.*

## A Special Thank You...

The Thriving In Place-- Stonewall, Inc. (TIPS) residents recently made a special donation to iTNBluegrass. The funds enabled the purchase of a new phone system for the iTN office. We are so grateful for their support and generosity.



Gale Reece with Catherine & Paul Harbour of TIPS.

## Mark Your Calendars



Join us on May 13, 2025 for KY Gives Day!

<https://www.kygives.org/organizations/itnbluegrass>

## Get Involved!

- -Join a Committee! We need members to sit on our Marketing & Communications committee. If you are interested email: [gale.reece@itnbluegrass.org](mailto:gale.reece@itnbluegrass.org)
- -Volunteers Needed! We are always looking for more drivers and office volunteers. If you are interested email: [gale.reece@itnbluegrass.org](mailto:gale.reece@itnbluegrass.org)
- -Follow us on Facebook!

**Do you shop at Kroger?** ITNBluegrass is participating in Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Take a minute to register your Kroger Plus Card to benefit ITNBluegrass (ID# SK010).

To register:

1. Visit [Kroger.com/communityrewards](http://Kroger.com/communityrewards) to sign up or sign in.
2. (Re) enroll in Community Rewards and select "ITNBluegrass" from the list. (ID#SK010).
3. Every time you use your Rewards Card at Kroger, ITNBluegrass receives a percentage.



## Grant Funding

# TOYOTA



Toyota Manufacturing North America funds scholarship rides for low income seniors & provides operational support for all rides.



### Lexington Lions Club

Lexington Lions Club generously exceeded our grant report by 20%!

- Beulah S. Mays Endowment at BCGF
- Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

# REGENERON®

Rides for eye care sponsored by Regeneron. \*These are not reflected on member statements.

## New Address

219 East Short Street  
Lexington, KY 40507

## New Phone #

859-785-2180

## Individual Donors

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\*\* March 2025

Charles Baker - In Honor of Joe McClone, Sue Thornton, & Elizabeth Varney  
 Janece Cook  
 Joan & John Davis  
 Colleen and Roland Duell  
 Marion Eblen  
 Jennifer Epperly - In Memory of Ron Sale  
 Rose Marie Hackett  
 Beth Kingsley  
 Phillip McIntosh  
 Sue Michael  
 Maria Pena

Gale Reece  
 David Smith  
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 Loraine Soik  
 Adrian Wichman  
 Frank Winchester  
 Thriving In Place -- Stonewall, Inc.

Thank you to everyone who added iTNBluegrass to their Kroger Plus card. We received \$152.25 this cycle!

## Volunteers & Drivers

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Cyndi Allen  
 Emily Anderson  
 Phyllis Bates  
 Perry Bentley  
 Bob Broughton  
 Julie Butcher  
 Mark Christensen  
 Teresa Combs  
 Charles Coulston  
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