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BULLETIN OF INDEPENDENT
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

iTNBluegrass[™]
Dignified transportation for seniors

“SAFE TRAVELS”

From The Desk of The Co-Executive Directors



New safety support is on the way in the form of car assist support handles.

Through the generosity of the **Kentucky Colonels**, iTNBluegrass will be receiving a grant to purchase new car assist support handles.

The car assist handles have a cushioned rubber foam, non-slip grip design making them comfortable for your hand. These devices will help ensure safety and aid in maintaining independent mobility for our riders.

We are so excited to offer this new feature to our services and we are incredibly thankful for the **Kentucky Colonels** support in supplying these to our driver team.

Earning Our Dementia Friendly Designation

Lexington is working to become a more dementia friendly community: a place or culture in which people with dementia and their carers are empowered, supported, and included in society, understand their rights and recognize their full potential.

iTNBluegrass is striving to earn our “*Dementia Friendly Designation*” and will be encouraging our volunteers and drivers to complete the free training process in the months to come.

Dementia Friendly Lexington began when a group of concerned community members, including caregivers, persons living with dementia, and representatives from several organizations began to discuss ways Lexington could be more dementia friendly. Partners include the Alzheimer’s Association, Bluegrass ElderLaw, Bluegrass Area Development District (an Area Agency on Aging), and the University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. Dementia Friendly Lexington’s goals include helping persons living with dementia and their caregivers engage in community life for as long as possible, increasing awareness of the needs of people living with dementia and their caregivers, and training individuals on ways to communicate and interact with people living with dementia and to reduce social isolation.



New Faces Behind The Wheel & In The Office

We are excited to welcome Dr. Robert Broughton to the office volunteer team, Dr. Bill Loggins to our volunteer driver team, & Ms. Sue Thornton to our Ride Coordinator team!



Dr. Bob Broughton
Office Volunteer



Dr. Bill Loggins
Volunteer Driver



Ms. Sue Thornton
Ride Coordinator

Get Involved!

- **Join the Board!** We need members to sit on our Board of Directors. If you are interested in completing an application for consideration email: gale.reece@itnbluegrass.org
- **Join a Committee!** We need members to sit on all of our committees. If you are interested in completing an application for consideration please email: 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
- **Follow** us on Facebook, Instagram, & LinkedIn!

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%!

REGENERON®

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

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