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come and gone!

ITNCoastalCT provides all day, every day transportation for seniors and visually impaired adults. By summer's end ITN completed well over 4500 rides. **Who will be driving and riding for #5000? It could be YOU!**



Ride #1 and #500

Ruth Rubin of Norwalk, who was the first ITN rider in November 2010, also had the distinction of taking the 500th ride in May 2011 – picked up at the Y's Women of Westport's Annual Picnic at Sherwood Island and driven home by **Julie Shapiro** of Westport.



Ride #1000

Dr. Paul Spiekermann got a lift to the Rotary Club in September 2011 from **Leslie Wolf**, a founder and board member of ITN. The retired physician spoke eloquently at ITN's 1,000th Ride celebration.

Paul: *"The transportation system provides a wonderful solution to the problem of advancing age. You really are housebound and you may become isolated, but there is social contact and conversation between riders and the volunteers, who are exceptional and a pleasure to deal with."*

Leslie: *"As a driver, I've had the opportunity to make friendships and connections with people in our community that I might never have crossed paths with!"*

ITN (Independent Transportation Network)

uses local volunteers driving their own cars to take their senior neighbors and visually impaired adults to any number of activities – social gatherings, shopping, medical appointments, religious services – the list is a long one. The program area includes Westport, Weston, Wilton, Easton, Fairfield, and Norwalk. The commitment is only one ride per month, although volunteers are free to drive as much as they want! The miles you drive will be credited to your account or donated to the person of your choice.

Monthly volunteer driver training sessions

are held the second Tuesday of every month at 12 noon, and other dates are available upon request.

Upcoming sessions are: September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11.

Contact ITNCoastalCT at 203-858-2001 or by email at info@itncoastalct.org

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Nancy

On average, people outlive their ability to drive by six to ten years. This does not mean that they are destined to be homebound or reliant on the favors of friends and family. ITN*CoastalCT*, the independent transportation network, provides rides in private automobiles without restriction on the purpose of the ride, and help is available to carry packages, fold walkers, and open doors.

I'm honored to be associated with ITN*CoastalCT*, joining the organization in May 2009 after a multi-year stint as program director at the Weston Senior Center where I saw on a first-hand basis the need for safe, reliable transportation for seniors. From a first month ride count of 6 to an almost 400-a-month ride count currently - and no abatement in sight! - this community-supported nonprofit meets the ever-growing need. We provide members peace of mind knowing that a clean private car and a safe experienced driver are available around the clock. I'm proud to hear our members say that riding with us is like riding with a friend.

Last year we moved from our offices in Westport to our new home in Fairfield, where office manager and dispatcher Justine Gussen works hard to make sure that all ride requests are met in a **Justine** timely, efficient, and caring manner. In addition to scheduling rides, she works with the volunteer drivers who provide about 60% of the rides for our daily schedule. A Weston native and graduate of Indiana University, Justine always has a cheerful smile and is quick to provide information to potential members and drivers.

I encourage everyone who wants to keep our community a vibrant, safe place to join us at ITN*CoastalCT*. Offer to drive, work on a committee, attend an event...there are so many ways to help!

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Executive Director



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