



Transportation Association of Greenwich

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Dear Greenwich Neighbor,

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What do you think makes Greenwich so great?

- ✓ The Greenwich schools
- ✓ Our beaches and parks
- ✓ The Bruce Museum
- ✓ Greenwich Library
- ✓ Greenwich Hospital
- ✓ Availability of Social Services

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Now imagine you are living in Greenwich, disabled or elderly and have no way of getting to these locations. For almost twenty five years the **Transportation Association of Greenwich** ("TAG") has kept these Greenwich jewels available to all of our citizens. I am asking for your help to keep TAG available to your neighbors and eventually perhaps you. When asked why they supported TAG one Greenwich resident noted:

"God willing, someday we will all reach the age where we may need transportation from an agency like TAG".

Over the past five years, TAG has grown from providing fewer than 100 trips a day, to an average of almost 300, as we celebrated our **1,000,000th** passenger trip this past year. Every day TAG's 18 buses and mini-vans transport our Greenwich neighbors to and from the Senior Center, Greenwich Adult Day Care, Abilis, Greenwich Hospital, doctors' offices and dialysis centers. In addition to TAG's many services for the elderly, we also provide Greenwich children transportation from elementary schools to afterschool programs, the YWCA and YMCA.

While TAG has received support from both the Town of Greenwich and the United Way of Greenwich, we must raise an additional \$200,000 every year to help subsidize the cost of our services for our clients: such as the young man who is blind and rides TAG to and from work every day or the senior on fixed income who needs to get to their doctor and cannot afford to cover the full costs of the services TAG provides.

The average cost of each TAG vehicle exceeds \$55,000 and we replace 2 to 3 of them each year. We have been very fortunate that groups like the Round Hill Community Church have generously underwritten the purchase of some of TAG's vehicles. Even with these kind gifts TAG's average subsidy is over \$10.00 per trip.

Please consider making a cash, check or credit card donation today in order to help support as many trips as you can. Donations may be made online by visiting TAG's secure website www.ridetag.org. TAG's fiscal year ends on June 30th and we are seeking to raise \$24,000 in the next 60 days to meet our annual goal of public support.

Thank you for your ongoing support to help further TAG's important role in the Greenwich community.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Muskus, Jr.
Board President