



Greetings to all of the wonderful donors for our "traveling companion" bus pass drive!

The response to the "Traveling Companion" program has been extremely heartwarming. What a wonderful experience for me to receive the mail and open envelopes with donations over the past six-seven weeks for our guests to receive bus passes. As a result of your caring contributions, everyone at the shelter was able to receive a bus pass for January on New Year's Day. They were THRILLED to say the least!

To watch everyone walk outside in the morning every day knowing how miserable the weather can be is very difficult. Seeing the guests return in the early evening all bundled up with red, red, faces is just as difficult. The amazing part to me is how minimally they complain. "It was a cold one" or "It's good to be inside" is the most I generally hear.

Thank you for caring about our shelter family during this very cold and snowy season. You will be blessed for caring for those who need your help the most.

Below are appreciative comments from guests at St. John's Homeless Shelter to all who helped them receive a bus pass for January.

What having a bus pass means to me...

I got 2 bad legs and the pass means a lot to me. I can go anywhere in Green Bay I need to be. I can't thank you enough so thanks a lot. Have a great year.

It has helped me get employed. Thanx!!

Searching for work, going to my relapse prevention class, making my way to lunch and back to the shelter. Sometimes just taking a ride just to think.

It means that I can find work, get to my appointments, and to & from places. I frequently go to meals and shopping, even important meetings with my son.

It's a blessing to have one so I can get to where I need to go.

Getting to my appointments I need to get to, looking for work and getting to work. I am very thankful for having people like you to help us to get or obtain these bus passes.
Thank you very much.

1. I'm able to look for a job much more easily
2. I'm able to stay sober by attending many more AA meetings & my AODA program
3. I'm able to eat better by getting to lunch everyday at Salvation Army.

I'm grateful for the bus pass because I am able to get around town so much easier. Appointments and such are so much more within reach. I thank you so very much for the pass.

It helps me to get to work. It helps to go places, like the mall & Wal-Mart.

It helps me to get around easier, so that I don't have to walk on the slippery sidewalks.
Thanks.

1. It's very helpful because I can make my appointments on time, such as job interviews.
 2. Helps me get to Native American service center when I'm also needed for AODA
 3. Most of all it helps me stay out of the weather, like rain or snow or the cold.
- Thank you very, very much.

Thanks for the bus pass. I appreciate it very much since I have a Left leg injury. It is very helpful on cold weather days.

Many blessings to you in 2009!

Gratefully,

**Mary Kelly
Executive Director**

