



## Happy New Year!!!

**ITNStCharles** wishes you a very Happy New Year! We have many things to be grateful for this year. Since ITNStCharles began providing rides in March of 2010, we have provided over 8,000 rides and are continuing to grow. Who will be our 10,000 rider??

We would like to honor and give a special thanks to our volunteer drivers who provide outstanding service. Volunteers are essential to our success taking our riders to hair appointments, shopping, therapy, physician visits, dialysis, and many other destinations. We are especially grateful to the drivers who took a rider to visit family on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Volunteers also help out in the office an ease the work load. We appreciate all our volunteers ....your time and generous nature. **WE SALUTE YOU & THANK YOU!!!!**



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# A Note from Our Executive Director



Welcome to 2013! We are excited about the New year and continuing to grow ITNStCharles both with riders and volunteers.

In case you are not familiar with our car programs, here's the run down. One of our unique programs is **CarTrade**, which allows a person to exchange a personal vehicle for ride credits in an ITN rider's Personal Transportation Account.

\* These credits may be used to pay for rides, annual admin fees, or ITN gift certificates for friends or friends.

\* Credits may be transferred to another ITN rider, if desired.

**CarTrade** allows an ITN rider to convert the economic value of their automobile into dignified transportation

Our second program is a car donation program which is when someone donates a personal vehicle for ITN fleet use or cash to ITN.

\* The car can be donated free and clear for use in the ITN fleet

\* The car can be sold to an auto wholesaler or dealer with the cash proceeds donated directly to ITN.

If you are interested in either program, please call our office.

Susan Kallash-Bailey

## Volunteering...a great New Year's resolution!

If you or someone you know likes to drive, give us a call, or go to our brand new website [www.itnstcharles.org](http://www.itnstcharles.org) and click on 'Ride with us' and 'Volunteer to drive.' There you will find an application and plethora of information.

A bonus for our volunteers is earning ride credits that they can save for their own future use, or donate to a loved one, to our Road Scholarship program or ITNStCharles.



Referring a new volunteer will give you free annual registration—yours to keep or give away. As soon as your referral delivers their first ride, ITNStCharles will give you a credit. Be sure to let us know if you refer someone.

Terri Giancola

## Supply Wish List

- ◆ Gas Cards
- ◆ Postage Stamps
- ◆ Office Supplies- paper, ink cartridges, post-it notes, 3-hole punch
- ◆ Gift Cards to office supply stores
- ◆ Cleaning Supplies
- ◆ Volunteer-drivers and office volunteers
- ◆ In-Kind donations of: print and radio advertisements.

## Upcoming Volunteer Training/Orientation

- January 24—6:00 PM
- January 25—10:00 AM
  
- February 21—6:00 PM
- February 22—10:00 AM
  
- March 21—6:00 pm
- March 22—10:00 AM

**Office Phone Number**

**636-329-0888**

## Featured Rider—Aaron Lane

Aaron is a 36 year old visually impaired man with a charming personality and a pleasure to spend time with. This photo shows him (on the left), with his brother Kevin. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters, Brandi and Desiree, plus the added bonus of a grandson named Noah.



Aaron was born with a degenerative eye condition similar to macular degeneration. His vision loss has been a slow process. The first major milestone was at age 22 he had to give up driving. At age 30 he started using a cane, and now at age 36, he has only some light and dark perception. Aaron is currently working as a directory assistance operator for Verizon in Weldon Springs, and has been employed there since 2007.

He learned about ITN in 2011, when our then executive director, Althea West, visited the St. Charles County Council of the Blind meeting, and gave a presentation about services available. Aaron says "I'm very thankful to have found ITN. I need transportation often since I am working full time and ITN is a great service; the staff are great, and the drivers are always friendly and helpful. I refer people to them whenever I get a chance".

When he's not answering the phone for Verizon, he is singer/songwriter with a band named Ozark Revival. They play country music and their original music has a sound similar to Johnny Cash or Waylon Jennings. His band has recently released a CD called "Hope You're Ready", which is available through iTunes and Amazon as downloads or for physical copies you can contact them through their site <http://www.ozarkrevival.com> or pick them up at Shortstop in New Melle or Harris Automotive in Wentzville and Wright City. He has hopes of making it in the music business, but is realistic. He wants to get to a point where he can support himself through his music.

Want to submit items for future newsletters? Send your stories, announcements and photos to:

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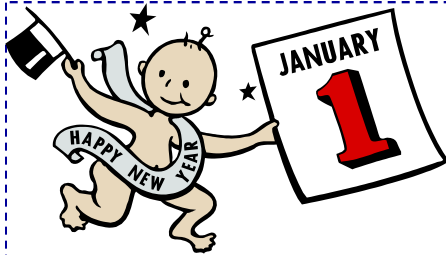
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### **ITNStCharles Gift Certificates Are Available!**

Stumped for a great gift for someone special? Need the perfect gift for either Valentine Day, Birthday, Mother's Day or Father's Day? How about the gift of transportation this New Year?



ITNStCharles has gift certificates available in any amount ready to go! Simply give us a call — to make arrangements or get questions answered. We can send the gift certificate to you, or directly to the recipient! Please feel free to purchase gift certificates on-line at ITNStCharles.org using the PayPal feature, or simply call the office at (636) 329-0888.

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