



Senior Transportation Service Awards Announced

The Beverly Foundation Announces 2009 STAR Awards

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The Beverly Foundation recently announced the selection of its 2009 STAR Search Senior Transportation Service Award winners.

In making the announcement the Foundation's president Helen Kerschner said: "We received 450 applications for the STAR Awards program and while the selection process was exceptionally difficult, our national review committee contributed immensely in ensuring that the award recipients were the 'best of the best'."

The STAR Award winners for 2009 are listed below.

Cheer, Inc. Sussex County Mobility (DE)	Weber Human Services (UT)
St. Johns County Council on Aging, Inc. (FL)	Jewish Family Service of Minneapolis (MN)
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles (CA)	Senior Helpline Services (CA)
Neighbor Ride, Inc. (MD)	City of Tamarac (FL)
Jewish Family Service of San Diego (CA)	
Partners in Prime (OH)	RSVP of Dane County (WI)
Sheridan MiniBus (WY)	Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc. (VA)
VNA Community Service (IL)	Western Community Action, Inc. (MN)
AAA of Western Michigan (MI)	Na Hoaloah-MIVC (HI)
A Helping Hand (NC)	Faith in Action of McHenry County (IL)
Special Transit (CO)	Portales Senior Center (NM)

"While our Trustees are pleased that our STAR Awards include a contribution of \$5,000 to \$10,000, we believe their real importance is the acknowledgement of the enormous contribution that these and other transportation services are making to older adults across America," said Don Pearson, chairman of the Beverly Foundation Board of Directors.

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About the Beverly Foundation

The Beverly Foundation, headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico, undertakes research, education, and assistance to encourage and facilitate mobility and transportation for older adults. The Foundation makes STAR Awards in conjunction with its STAR Search survey which was first undertaken in 2000. The survey has continued annually since that time, and has gathered data on 1,280 STPs (Supplemental Transportation Programs for seniors) from 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

For more information about the STAR Search and STAR Awards program and to learn about senior transportation, STPs in America, and volunteer driver programs, please visit www.beverlyfoundation.org or contact:

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