



HELPING OTHERS CATCH THE WAVE

Who We Are

In 2010 board members and staff of the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (Wave Transit) developed a program to address the overwhelming need for access to affordable transportation in our community. Wave Transit transportation fares are already heavily subsidized by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), therefore, they were not in a position to meet the overwhelming request for free or heavily subsidized transportation passes brought forth by individuals from the community. To address this gap within our community, Wave Transit staff and board members created a separate, independent nonprofit organization. Thus began the Making Waves Foundation, a 501 (c)3 public charity.

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A Special Thank You to Our Community Partners

Landfall Foundation

In October, the Foundation was a recipient of the annual Landfall Foundation Grant award. The Foundation received notification that it was one of eighteen community organizations selected to receive additional support for emergency relief efforts for those impacted by Hurricane Florence. The emergency relief funds allowed the Foundation to provide additional transportation assistance, over 2,750 trips, to community members impacted by the disaster. A comprehensive update on the community impact of the grant awards provided by the Landfall Foundation will be included in the July 2019 newsletter. Stay tuned!



University of North Carolina's Building a Better Wilmington Campaign

UNCW's Building a Better Wilmington Campaign selected the Foundation to showcase in a Community Spotlight Film produced by University film students. This short film can be viewed on the Wave Transit website: wavetransit.com under the Foundation tab.



Service to the Community

The Making Waves Foundation has awarded grants to organizations to provide our neighbors access to affordable transportation for the purpose of obtaining an education, getting to and from doctor's appointments, seeking and maintaining employment, attending after school programs, etc. Some of these community organizations are listed as follows:

- ◇ First Fruit Ministries
- ◇ Coastal Horizons
- ◇ Smart Start of New Hanover County
- ◇ The Veteran's Administration Health Clinic
- ◇ The Sister Mary Isaac Center
- ◇ Brigade Boys and Girls Club
- ◇ Help Hub at Harrelson Center
- ◇ ACCESS of Wilmington - The Miracle League
- ◇ E.A. Laney's Specially Designed Academics Program
- ◇ The Hope Center
- ◇ Domestic Violence Shelter
- ◇ The Good Shepherd Center
- ◇ First Fruit Ministries
- ◇ StepUp Wilmington
- ◇ NHC Veteran's Council

Foundation Activity (Since inception in 2011)

- * 86 grants awarded
- * 23,347 transportation passes distributed
- * Over \$75,000 in transportation assistance provided

Testimonials

"The Foundation is such a plus to any resident at Good Shepherd. It has been an asset to me with getting to medical appointments and getting to the library for job searches. I'd have no way to get to and from where I need to be without them. The driver's have become my friends." -

Ronnie Bordeaux, (Former) Good Shepherd Guest

"We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude at the Making Waves Foundation for their generous grant to the Sister Isaac Center. These tickets helps our guests with transportation to job interviews, to a new job while they are waiting for a pay check, and to and from doctors appointments. It is amazing what a difference just a \$2.00 ticket makes in the lives if the families we help and they are so grateful". - ***Mary Ann Kotas, Director, Sister Isaac Center***



How to Help Others Catch the Wave!

Donations can be made securely through our website at:
[www.http://www.wavetransit.com](http://www.wavetransit.com) or by regular mail at:

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100% of donations received go directly to the programs that fulfill the mission of the Foundation!