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### **Wesley Community Services and Santa Claus provide Medical Transportation to Seniors and Disabled**

It's a jolly old time at Wesley Community Services during the holiday season! For seniors to live at home they need to be able to get to their doctor appointments safely and on-time, and that's where Wesley Community Services Specialized Medical Transportation fleet of ten cars and seven wheelchair accessible vehicles meet the needs for nearly 800 seniors and disabled. Once again this year, as in Christmas' past, John Zerges, Medical Transport Driver, magically becomes Santa Claus and brightens the day for many Greater Cincinnati seniors and disabled. "The look on the clients' face is priceless when they open their door and see Santa ready to take them to their medical appointment. The sparkle in their eyes and the shared excitement most definitely lifts their spirit during the holiday season," explains Mr. Zerges. "We also provide specialized transportation to employment sites and schools for individuals with disabilities," stated Stephen Smookler, Executive Director, Wesley Community Services.

Wesley Community Services fosters and supports seniors seeking to remain in their home for as long as possible through the provision of essential home-based services including Home Cleaning Services, Meals-On-Wheels, Specialized Transportation, and a Pet Portions Program (free pet food for client pets) to over 2,300 seniors and individuals with disabilities. Wesley Community Services is funded by the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio and is a United Way partner agency. For more information about Wesley Community Services call 513/661-2777, or visit [www.wesleycs.org](http://www.wesleycs.org).

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