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**WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES RECEIVES GRANT TO TRANSPORT DISABLED
PERSONS TO EMPLOYMENT SITES**

Cincinnati, Ohio - On January 10, 2008, Wesley Community Services was one of seven Southwest Ohio public and non-profit transportation organizations selected to receive federal funding to provide door-to-door transportation for individuals with disabilities to get to their employment sites. The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) will award \$34,597 in 2008 to Wesley Community Services through two federal programs - Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom.

Wesley Community Services has provided transportation to disabled persons since 2006. Hamilton County Board of MR/DD sought Wesley's assistance in arranging for safe and dependable transportation for disabled individuals needing to get to their jobs.

WCS Executive Director Stephen Smookler stated "We are happy to help individuals get to their jobs, earn money and remain independent for as long as possible." WCS client Andy Geers has been using Wesley vehicles for over a year to make sure he gets to his job at Kroger's in Sharonville on time. "My job coach at Kroger's says I am doing a great job, and Robert, my driver at Wesley, is doing a good job, too," stated Andy.

Wesley Community Services seeks to foster and support the independence, dignity and functioning of senior citizens, including those who are low-income, who seek to remain in their home for as long as possible through the provision of essential home based services. Our Home Care Services, Meals-On-Wheels, and Medical Transportation Services, are available to residents of Hamilton, Butler and Clermont counties. Wesley Community Services also established Wesley Senior Housing LLC, to operate senior housing in Greater Cincinnati. Wesley Community Services is a partner agency of United Way of Greater Cincinnati.

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