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A Better Land - by Mike Brookbank WEWS

In case you missed Channel 5 News (Cleveland) on October 23, 2019, Fare-Cle was the subject of their "Better Land" segment, showcasing the FARE-Cle experience for Peter B. and his driver Carol.

CLEVELAND — Staying connected and active in the community can be a challenge for those living with developmental disabilities. The daily routine of getting to work and back home is something many people take for granted. Adults like Peter Bruening, who has Down syndrome, are twice as likely to have inadequate transportation than those without challenges, according to the American Association of People with Disabilities. That is in spite of having access to para-transit or ride sharing services. Fare CLE provides drivers who have experience with developmental disabilities to clients who might otherwise be stuck at home. The service is "just helping these young kids get out on their own," said Carol Webster. Webster brings Peter to his home from his maintenance job at Signature Golf Club in Solon. "He's a joy, he loves his job," said Webster. Webster said this is much more than just being a shuttle. Webster said she loves "seeing how happy they are to be at their jobs and go to their functions and be with their friends and family." Peter's mom said she quickly noticed a change in her son. "It makes all the difference in the world. He's been treated like a young adult having his own system for transportation," said Debbie Bruening.

For the full article and video see <https://www.news5cleveland.com/a-better-land/new-ride-sharing-service-tackles-transportation-troubles-for-developmentally-disabled>

Lyft offering Rides to Job Seekers

by Shaun Heasley | November 4, 2019
Disability Scoop

In an effort to help people with disabilities access job to training and get hired, one of the nation's leading ride-sharing services plans to offer free or discounted rides.

Lyft's Jobs Access Program will provide complementary or lower-cost rides to individuals with disabilities and other targeted groups in more than 35 markets across the U.S. and Canada.

The company said rides will be available to get to or from job training programs, interviews and to get back and forth from work for the first three weeks of employment before new hires typically get their first paychecks.

"For the unemployed, reliable transportation to a job interview or to the first few weeks of work can mean the difference between successful, long-term employment and lost opportunities," Lyft said in a statement about the new initiative launched late last month. "We are focused on communities that stand to benefit most from short-term transportation support, ranging from veterans to individuals with disabilities." The ride-sharing service is partnering with nine organizations — including Goodwill and the National Down Syndrome Society — to connect with people in need of transportation.

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"There are roughly two million people living with disabilities in the United States. Of those two million, nearly 30 percent, or 560,000 people, are unable to leave their home because of transportation barriers," Helsing said. "The ability to get around easily, especially for employment in the disability community, is crucial to the future.

FARE-Cle's Special Ingredient

OUR DRIVERS

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

Our drivers are what make FARE-Cle work! We are fortunate to have so many drivers with generous hearts! Where else would you find someone like **Lori** who thanks me after each new Rider, telling me how wonderful they are. Or **Carol**, who has used her own time to travel to a Rider's house and introduce herself to the family before the first ride.

Michelle is very caring and makes sure her passengers are dressed for the weather and don't have to walk far for the car. **Shannon** sings "carpool karaoke" with her Riders. **John** checks in with families to confirm rides and checks back if one of his Riders has been sick. **Laurie** is always willing to pitch in and gets excited when she drives a Rider she knew from CEVEC!

These are our regular drivers. Our part-time Drivers are just as great! I will talk about them in our next issue! You can see everyone's bio on our website, www.fare-cle.org.

Have a great holiday season!

Debbie Picker

Founder /Executive Director

Hooray for FARE-Cle!

1108 rides given in first 10 months of 2019

38% increase in riders in 2019



Order on smile.amazon.com and list Fare-Cle community Fund as your preferred charity

What is Giving Tuesday?

Expressing gratitude at Thanksgiving is often the beginning of the season of gifts, including gifts to those who are experiencing financial hardships. Thanks to your generosity, FARE-Cle has been able to grant subsidies to three Riders in 2019, enabling them to be active participants in community and family activities.

We need help to continue these scholarships. You can donate on Giving Tuesday or any other day, by going to our website, fare-cle.org or by finding us on our Facebook page or create your own Facebook fundraiser at <https://www.facebook.com/fund/fare.cle/>