

Village Vans

2017 Status Report

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Village Vans Supervisor

All we need is love!



Love is all we need!

Email from a Village Vans Volunteer Driver

By the end of a twenty year abusive marriage, there wasn't much left of me. I felt like I had to rebuild without a foundation, since I had no work experience and no confidence in myself. Everything seemed impossible.

Volunteering for Village Vans turned out to be one of the best moves I ever made. Village Vans gave me a safe place and also gave me great role models of people doing good and helping others.

J.S.

Former Village Vans Volunteer Driver

*“The Village Vans Program
has been outstanding
and I feel
one of the finest examples of things
we do right in America.”*

S.E.

Parent of VV passenger

Email from a WorkSource Partner

*“I love partnering –
it makes the world a better place –*

*I just want to say I appreciate you and our relationship.
It benefits all parties involved,
especially the customers and participants
and that is what makes my world go round.”*

S.B.
Employment Practitioner
WorkSource Thurston
Career Path Services

Innovative Workforce Development Grant Partnership Outreach

7,152 clients reached in 2017 by our Partners
discussing Village Vans services

- DSHS/DVR



- Pac Mnt



- SPSCC



Volunteer Driver Referrals

- DSHS – 3
- Pac Mnt – 14
- SCSEP – 6
(Senior Community Service Employment Program)
- Remaining volunteer drivers learned of Village Vans from brochures, website, or IT staff

Passenger Referrals

358 Passengers used Village Vans services in 2017

- 96 Pac Mountain referrals
- 47 DSHS referrals
- 2 DVR referrals

213 passengers learned of Village Vans
from marketing brochures, website, staff

Thurston County Local Planning Area (LPA)

Mission Statement

To reduce poverty through promoting
and supporting activities that assist participants
in achieving self-sufficiency.

We collaborate with community partners
that connect families with services and resources.

- Safeplace
- TULIP financial
- Pac Mountain, Workforce, and Worksource
- Community Action Council
- DSHS, DVR
- SPSCC
- Housing Authority
- Community Youth Services
- Various State Agencies

Networking and sharing resources

Client Comment

We really appreciate Village Vans for helping our students reach their academic goals – we couldn't do it without your support.

J.L. and C.V.

Director, Thurston County YouthBuild

Community Youth Services

New Market Vocational Skills Center

Gravity High School



Capital Region ESD 113
My Partner for Learning Solutions

New Directions. Brighter Futures.

DSHS release to Governor

- Pac Mountain/Community Jobs participant
- Volunteered 350 hours for Village Vans
- Temporary position with Customer Service



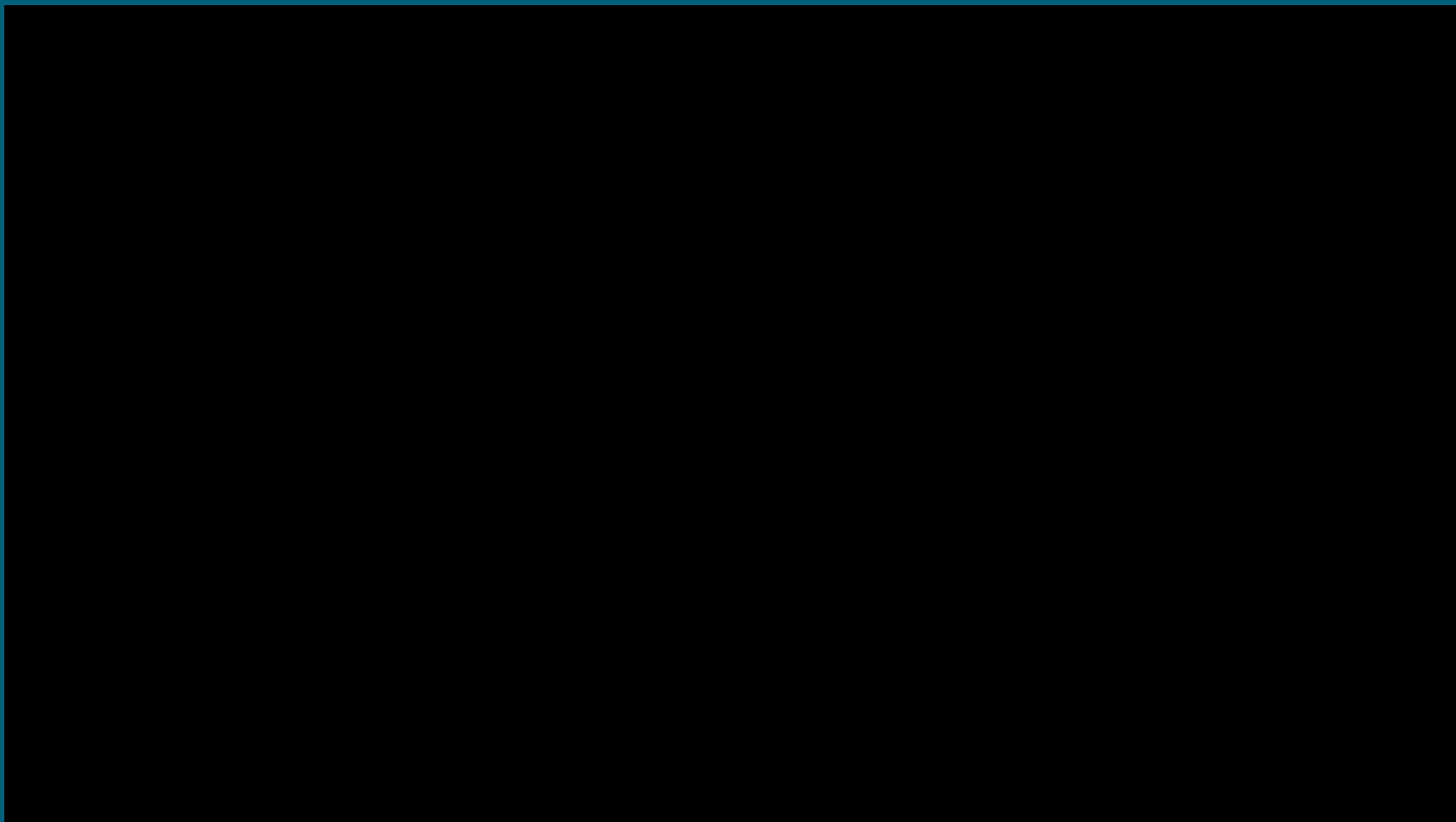
WA Governor's Office

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"It was a desperate situation. I didn't have family or friends I could rely upon," Purcell said. "I had to suck up my pride and come in (to the Department of Social and Health Services). I had to start at the bottom with a whole new job, trying to find my place again in society. Thankfully, there are compassionate people here."



Second Chance Summit



Workforce Development Grant area of focus on disadvantaged backgrounds

- Invited Mark Sandberg FRM and Joy Gerchak CSM
- 20 % of adults in WA have criminal records
- Many of these people have skills and talents that communities need
- Chicago Transit Authority, Workforce Development Grant recipient, has a Second Chance Program
 - Hired over 245 Second Chance participants, helping people turn lives around and provide for their families!

Remark on Criminal Justice Reform

President Obama quote:

“There are people who have gone through tough times, they’ve made mistakes, but with a little bit of help, they can get on the right path.

And that’s what we have to invest in.

That’s what we have to believe.

That’s what we have to promote.”

Pathways to Prosperity Workshop

- Sponsored by Thurston County Chamber
- Employer's Resources for Talent
 - Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council
 - WorkSource
 - Career and Technical Education
 - Post Secondary Education
 - Resources such as ResCare Youth Services, Morningside, Timberland Regional Libraries, Goodwill, and trade apprenticeships

This was an opportunity to make employers aware of Village Vans as a transportation option for qualifying employees.

TESC Career and Internship Fair

- Opportunity to share Village Vans services
- Main objective exploring volunteer recruitment
- TESC participates in State Work Study which provides opportunity to gain educationally related work experience while earning money for school
- State Work Study Program reimburses employers % of gross wages
- Follow up meeting with Student Employment staff
- Tour of our Pattison Facility operations



the evergreen state college
olympia, washington

And now for the numbers!

- 4882 rides provided in 2017
- 366 daycare stops
- 47,668 revenue miles driven
- 3,609 volunteer hours
- 40 volunteers
- 19 volunteers employed –
 - 4 with Intercity Transit
 - 4 in transportation jobs
 - 11 in non-transportation related positions



Steve Trotter



Shiela Dames



Joe Ercoliani



Lindonna Ward



Nancy Mortensen



Izi LeMay



Paul Mickel



Pat Mickelson



Taurus Palmer



William Purcell



Janel Sturzen



Lydia Tennyson



David Brown



Tylor Baker



Vennessa Chow



Maukisha Dove



Isaac Hart



Thomas Jacobs



James Asmus

another one gets a **JOB**

Measuring Success through our Volunteers and Passengers

*Amazing!
Always right on time!
Friendly and very much appreciated.*

*Without Village Vans I don't know where I would be.
SO HELPFUL!!*

J. L.
VV passenger

*Village Vans is an amazing service.
It really helped me get to and from work faster.*

*As a father and a full time provider for my family,
Village Vans was a life saver.*

S.C.
VV passenger

*I saw a Village Vans poster and sensed this was something
worth investigating.*

Little did I know that it would create so many opportunities.

*I really enjoy being part of
a program that supports people in transition,
finding stability in their lives.*

*Volunteering lets me see the well-being of others
that also enriches my own life.*

N.M.

VV Volunteer

*When I came to Village Vans I had no self esteem.
The people here were non-judgmental.*

*Village Vans changed things for me
in so many aspects of life.*

I again had a purpose.

K.L.
VV Volunteer

49 year old female passenger tells her story....

She is a convicted felon who lives outside the
Fixed Route Boundary.

She does not have a car.

She become a Village Vans passenger so she could attend SPSCC.

She received her High School diploma.

Village Vans made her success possible by providing the needed
transportation to school.

She comments, “with my diploma, I can do anything.”

K.S.

VV Passenger

Story of female victim of domestic violence

Village Vans provided transportation to a woman
who was living in hiding.

She had changed her identity to keep herself safe.

She was able to find work and utilized
Village Vans for transportation which made her employment possible.

She expressed her gratitude for the Village Vans Program everyday!

K.S.
VV Passenger

*At a time in my life when I was searching for clarity,
I found tremendous assistance and answers
in the Village Vans Program.*

*I was able to assist others, determine my next move
and secure employment.*

*I will always be grateful
for the opportunity and pleasure
of working with such caring and helpful staff.*

J.E.

VV Volunteer

Village Vans Goals for 2018

- Continue to provide and promote transportation choices that support an accessible, sustainable, livable, healthy, and prosperous community
- Increase number of volunteers thru recruitment
- Increase number of volunteers gainfully employed
- reduce # of denied rides

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