

## Northumberland United Way Supports CCN's Specialized Transportation Program

Community Care Northumberland (CCN) is pleased to announce that the Northumberland United Way is committing \$15,000 towards the operation of its Specialized Transportation program.



Pictured Above: (L-R) Charlotte Clay –Ireland – Specialized Transportation Coordinator of CCN, Paul Allen – Northumberland United Way, Trish Baird – Executive Director of CCN , Jessica Hoskin – Specialized Transportation Coordinator of CCN, and Lynda Kay – Northumberland United Way CEO.

The Specialized Transportation program has a fleet of vehicles that can accommodate rural transportation needs and has options to transport individuals with physical and/or functional disabilities. While the accessible service can transport clients within and outside of the Northumberland County, the rural service is limited to taking clients from rural parts of the County to destinations within the County only.

Ridership demand for the Specialized Transportation program has increased in the first 6 months of this year over the same time last year by 11%:

<b>Comparison Dates:</b>	<b>Ridership in 2014</b>	<b>Ridership in 2015</b>
January	635	919
February	807	701
March	878	959
April	801	916
May	857	949
June	860	949
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,838</b>	<b>5393</b>

"It became clear through United Way's Action for Community Change conversations that transportation is a barrier for individuals needing access to services," said Lynda Kay Northumberland United Way CEO. "United Way's Board is committed to funding projects that offer reliable transportation countywide. Community Care specialized transportation provides a better quality of life for Northumberland residents and gives people access to important day-to-day activities."

"The Northumberland United Way has consistently supported us in our efforts to meet the transportation needs of the residents of Northumberland County" said Trish Baird – Executive Director – Community Care Northumberland. "This funding will help to ensure the ongoing availability and delivery of rural and accessible transportation services."

For more information about Community Care Northumberland's Specialized Transportation program, please contact (866)768-7778.



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