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Meet "Uncle David" Chute, Volunteer Driver

By John Balentine, ITNPortland dispatcher

David Chute, an ITN™ volunteer driver and retired banker now living in South Portland, prefers his friends call him, "Uncle Dave." "That's what I would use as my handle when I would call in stock and bond trades for customers at the bank," Chute said. "We had to execute the trades in a hurry, so I'd say, "This is Uncle Dave," and the broker would immediately know who I was."



Today, after retiring at the end of 2008 after almost 40 years as a banker, Chute is keeping busy volunteering for four area charities: ITNPortland, the Ronald McDonald House, Southern Maine Agency on Aging, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, where he will soon teach an introductory economics class as well as a history of computing course.

To ITN riders, Chute is easily recognizable. He is an outgoing, friendly gentleman with a heart for helping people. "I assisted my mother for the last 25 years, until she died in 2007, by taking her grocery shopping, to the doctor, and hair appointments," Chute said. "I enjoyed doing that and I get to do it again here at ITN."

Chute heard about the Independent Transportation Network™ while working for Maine Bank & Trust. Chute worked for 20 years with one of ITN's best known and longest serving volunteer drivers, Martha Giles. "Martha was always a perky lady, and the idea of driving for ITN sounded interesting," Chute said.

Chute also enjoys the personal aspect of volunteering for ITN. "I enjoy meeting the people and helping them get to where they need to go," he said. "My father worked for 35 years at American Can Company, which was located on Reed Street. He used to walk to work from where we lived on Gleckler. And the other day, I drove this one gentleman who lives on Gleckler Road, and we shot the breeze about the old times. It was really nice," Chute said.

Like all the drivers at ITN, "Uncle Dave" is a great chauffeur, not just for his driving skills but also for his personality. Perhaps you'll see his 2007 Pontiac Torrent driving up to your door someday soon. And when you meet him, don't forget to say, "Hi, Uncle Dave!" While he may be of no relation, you can be sure he'll treat you like family while you're in his car.

Wright Express Sponsors ITNPortland

Another community partner has joined the ITNPortland network to bring dignified transportation to seniors and individuals who are visually impaired. Wright Express has donated \$12,500 to help keep our community safe, vibrant and inclusive of all its members.



Wright Express Corporation, headquartered in South Portland, is a leading provider of payment processing and information management services to the U.S. commercial and government fleet industry. ITNPortland has been using the Wright Express Fleet card services program to fuel its cars for the past four years. The Wright Express Fleet card program assists ITNPortland to manage fuel costs effectively and economically.

“Wright Express is pleased to be part of this important community transportation collaboration,” said Robert C. Cornett, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Wright Express. Our company and our associates are passionate about making a difference and ITNPortland definitely helps us do that.”

“Wright Express has been a business partner and regular contributor to ITNPortland for many years. We are excited they have now become our major corporate sponsor,” said Mark Sundermann Executive Director, ITNPortland.

This significant donation from Wright Express is particularly welcome, since ITNPortland rider fares only cover approximately 60% of the cost of rides and the remainder of the cost is covered through the use of volunteer drivers, donated cars, and contributions.

ITNPortland partners with Lee Auto Malls

ITNPortland uses traded or donated vehicles to replenish its fleet and to help subsidize member fares. ITN hopes to receive enough traded or donated cars to earn a new fuel efficient Toyota!

Stop in at any Lee Auto Malls location to have your car appraised. A salesperson will help you trade your car for rides!



2008 top destinations for ITN riders

- o Casco Bay Dialysis
- o Hannaford stores
- o USM (includes OLLI and Lifeline gym)
- o Intermed
- o The Iris Network
- o Maine Medical locations
- o Mercy hospital locations
- o Shaws stores
- o Martins Point Healthcare
- o Maine Eye Care Center

In an average month, ITN fleet cars burn 540 gallons of gasoline. At \$3 per gallon, that is nearly \$20,000 annually. ITN would love the donation of more fuel efficient cars to lower our fuel expenses.

The ITNPortland service area covers 490 square miles.

2009 Volunteers Drivers

ITNPortland Volunteer drivers have already driven over 20,000 miles in 2009. Our Board, staff, and especially our riders thank you.

Angela Carleton	Gerald Badalucco	Melissa Bilyeu-Hodroff
Ann Rust	George Crockett	Michael Cohen
Betsy Dilworth	James Stoddard	Nancy Caldwell
David Chute	Jeannine Rabinowitz	Nancy Callahan
David Libby	Jo-ann Cecil	Patricia Croston
David Scarlett	John Webster	Patricia Peightal
DiDi Stockly	Katherine Freund	Ralph Stanley
Duane Wakefield	Laura Feder	Robert Tripler
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Welcome New Member Riders!

Adele Bloom	Ernest Marin	Kathleyne Roberge
Anthony Lombardi	Eva Stout	Lillian Blotner
Ann Warner	Florence Norris	Lois Allan
Antoinette Risbara	Georgena DeLorme	Loretta Ayotte
Baumann Richard	Gerald Bell	Lucia Smith
Benjamin Skube	Gloria McCulloch	Madeline Farrugia
Bernice Roberts	Margaret Fontaine	Madelyn Hunt
Betsy Dilworth	James Houghton	Mariette Mastronardi
Beverly Rutherford	James Leadbetter	Norma Bell
Carolyn Zdanowicz	Janet Peterson	Oakley Sanborn
Daniel Walker, Sr.	Janet Rush	Raymond Mazziotti
Diane Roberge	Jean Marin	Richard Cross
Doris Esposito	Jean Sullivan	Robert Gillis
Edward Baumann	John Fein	Warren Libby
Eileen Fleming	Joyce Rogers	William Becker Jr
Elsie DeSanctis	Judith Gowen	William Feeney
Elizabeth Goodwin	Kathleen Cavanaugh	

Notice

The ITNPortland annual meeting is Thursday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Park Danforth, 777 Stevens Avenue in Portland. All member riders and member donors are invited.

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