

**THE RIDE** of Cordova

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The community of Cordova's 8 passenger handicapped accessible bus that holds 2 wheelchairs, known as The Ride had a great year assisting the people of Cordova. 94 people were given 7457 rides. The Ride provides service for senior citizens, disabled individuals, and mental health beneficiaries. The bus has enabled these people to live as independently as possible by being able to get out and about. This coordinated community effort provides free rides to those who qualify for the service. This then means the burden of paying the operational costs is put on the community of Cordova and the agencies who service qualified persons. Last year Cordova Businesses donated \$10,200 to help pay the operational costs of The Ride.

The operational costs for one year were \$30,000 and we are expecting that to be higher due to the higher cost of fuel. Please consider donating toward this project to insure better mobility for those in need of transportation. The funds received will be used to pay the driver's wages and fuel expense.

Please address any contributions to Cordova Senior Services at PO Box 160. All contributors will be recognized throughout the year as we are very thankful for you! Without our contributors, The Ride would not be able to provide the level of service Cordova needs and deserves.

We appreciate you recognizing the value and the impact of The Ride on the citizens of Cordova. Thank you for your consideration.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelley Balint".