



"A Customer First Company" December 2007 Edition

Welcome to the December Edition of "On The Move"

December is such a festive time a year where we all spend time with family and friends and can reflect on the year that has gone by. We hope that this year's celebration is joyous and safe for all of you. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

K&K Connections Christmas Share Project

Because of the spirit of the season and the overwhelming outpouring of support we decided to dedicate an entire section of this month's newsletter to our Christmas Sharing Project. As all of you know this project was initiated and is being managed by Lorraine Meredith. Organizing this type of thing takes an excessive amount of time and energy and we want to express our deep appreciation to Lorraine for orchestrating such a huge project. We know of no other van pool company who has taken on such a wonderful project such as this. We know this is just an example of the spirit of the K&K family and we hope that all of you know how grateful we are of your support.

As all of you know we received information about this project back on November 7, 2007 and before we even received a host family Lorraine was getting emails of support. Once Lorraine received the family's information we all saw how great the need was and all of you stepped up to the plate and began providing and pledging needed items for the family. Below are just a few of the items that have been purchased:

Detergent
Dryer Sheets
Children's Folding Table and Chairs
Comforters
Shelving Unit
Toys for the Children
Clothing
Shoes
Walmart and Foodlion Gift Certificates
... and over \$100.00 in cash donations!!!



Below is a list of items that are still needed:

Diapers
Baby Wipes
Clothing for the Mother
Black Pants and Socks for the Father
Gas Cards
Cash Donations for Apartment deposit
... and additional food items.

Finally, not only has Lorraine taken the step to help with the the above mentioned items she has also worked with the Early Intervention Program to help with some of the developmental challenges facing the children. In addition, she has also set up a bank account to help the family. We not only want to continue to share information about this with you our riders but since we publish our newsletter on our website we want everyone to know of the outstanding work and contributions of all of our vanpool members. Once again, thank you Lorraine and thank you to the K&K Connection's Family.

K&K Connections, LLC Safety Corner:

"During the holidays, there is the potential for more fatigued and distracted drivers, drunk driving, and hazardous weather." according to the CMC Safety Division. These conditions can be the result of behaviors that can be altered by just following a few safety guidelines such as:

Avoiding "Get-home-itis": Everyone wants to get home and quickly. This can lead to speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors. Slow down. Know and prepare for your driving conditions. Be familiar with you route and prepare and anticipate for detours and alternate traffic patterns.

Plan for the Unexpected: Make sure you have your cell phone or CB radio accessible at all times in case of an emergency. Sign up for an emergency road side assistance program such as AAA to help with unexpected vehicle problems. If you don't have or want a program such as AAA know who you will call in case of an emergency and have the phone number already programmed in your cell phone.



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Know more than one route to your destination in case there are traffic accidents. Finally, have a plan in mind of what you would do if you could not reach your destination in time. This may include having spare money for a hotel stay and packing extra food and supplies.

Avoid Driver Fatigue: Take breaks to keep you alert behind the wheel to fight driver fatigue. If you are tired you need to stop. According to the Navy Safety Center drivers should take breaks every 2 hours to stretch and take a break from staring at the highway. Also, there are state laws that limit how many miles a driver can log in one day. At the Safety Center they recommend that if you're working and traveling on the same day, both activities should not exceed 12 hours.

Don't Drink and Drive: How many times have we heard this but still the number of drunken driving arrests and traffic fatalities increases every year during the holiday season. It is important to plan for a safe ride home before even taking the first sip of alcohol. Also, look out for others that are joining you. Even if you have a plan if someone in your party has not been as responsible make it your responsibility to make sure that person also has a safe way to get back home.

*Thank you to Sonya Moore for providing the link to obtain information for this article.

Information was obtained from CMC Safety Division Force Preservation article entitled "Did You Know" dated November 19, 2007 and from the Navy Safety Center's Surviving Driving Holidays 2007 website: <http://safetycenter.navy.mil/seasonal/sdh/index.htm>

We Would Like to Send a Very Special Birthday Greeting To:

Keith Trent
Sharon Evans
Awadhesh Kumar
Richard Daley

Jessica Patterson
Michael Weston
Danyale Little
Onika Williams

Welcome To the K&K Family!

K&K Connections, LLC would like to welcome the following riders to the K&K Family. We are excited to have you with us!

Jessica Patterson
Navenn Senapathi
Michele T. Goodson
Todrina S Johnson
Cecil Atkinson
Raja Maddi
Angela Davis

Tia Thomas
John A. Broughton
Janice Holley
Marquette E. Poston
Elizabeth Rolle
Katrina Hunter
Stikanth Peddireddy



Richmond Holiday Events

Christmas is about spending time with family and friends. Why not check out some of these events happening around town:

Science Museum of Virginia's Winter Skating Pavilion - a 3,000-square-foot skating rink made of white, non-melting polyethylene

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden - opened its gates to shock and amaze with the GardenFest Illumination on Friday, Nov. 23 and will continue GardenFest of Lights through Monday, Jan 7.

Children's Museum of Richmond - The Genworth Foundation's Holiday Village features six charming Fan District-Style houses that explore the traditions and customs of festivals celebrated by our Richmond neighbors at this time of year - Christmas, Diwali, Eid, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Lunar New Year. Children can also visit the Holiday Village post office, where they can write letters to Legendary Santa and post their good wishes for the world. Free to the public.

Maymont - Celebrate a very special Christmas at Maymont House Museum, decorated in authentic Victorian holiday splendor. Lavish tree trimmings, the opulent dining room, special exhibits for children and other spectacular decor bring the wonders of an upper-class Victorian Christmas to life. Meanwhile in the basement of the mansion, the kitchen is a hub for holiday dinner preparations. Tours are available every half-hour. Tuesdays through Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. \$5 suggested donation.

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