

# Independent Transportation Network®: Sustainable Mobility for an Aging Population

Senior Mobility Awareness Symposium: Integrating Science, Policy and Practice

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## Overview of this presentation

- ITNAmerica—a national solution for a national problem
- Independent Transportation Network (ITN)—a social enterprise model for replication
- Policy—removing barriers; creating incentives
- Research—national data center & laboratory for change
- Development—information technology and innovation



# **Transportation for Everyone—glamour**





# **Transportation for Everyone—environment**





# **Transportation for Everyone—power**





# **Transportation for Everyone—commerce**





# **Transportation for Everyone—fun**





# Transportation for Seniors—social service (the hospital gown of transit)



Glamour



**Environment** 



Fun



Commerce



Power



# **Transportation for Seniors—ITN style**





# ITNAmerica—a non-profit, market approach to a pressing social need

ITNAmerica is the first and only national non-profit transportation network for America's aging population.

The ITN model marries the power of information technology and the strength of local, grassroots support to create an efficient and financially sustainable solution to the transportation needs of seniors and their families.

ITNAmerica imagines a day when all seniors will have access to transportation when they want it.

### ITNAmerica®



#### First national non-profit transportation service for the aging population

1990-2002 Independent Transportation Network (ITN)®\_-- Portland, ME

Sustainable model—Social entrepreneurship R&D funds—TRB, AARP, FTA

2003-2005 Business Plan & National Summit—Stone House, Maine

FTA & Atlantic Philanthropies

2005-Present—National Rollout

22 Affiliates in 17 states 5 Pre-affiliates in 5 states

2008-Present—R&D

International development—Canada, Australia Public Policy—50 state analysis ITN*Everywhere*—a revolutionary approach to community transport



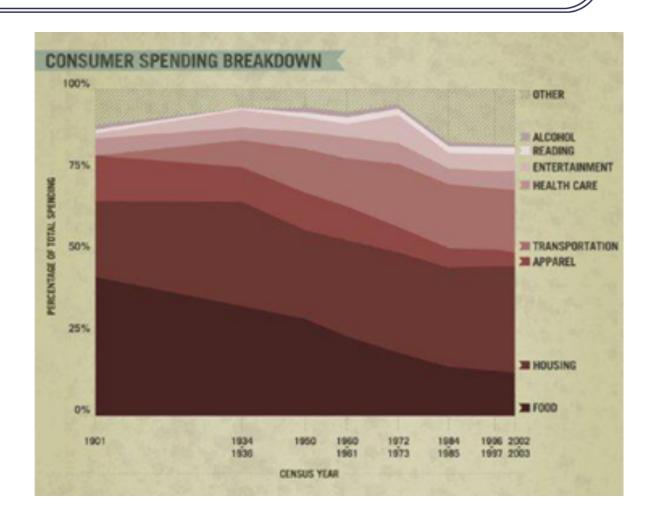


## Safety and mobility for older people

- Highest fatal crash risk
- 88% of trips in private automobile
- Age related driving compensation
- Fewer than 3% of trips on public transit
- 54% of seniors live in communities without public transit



# One Hundred Years of U.S. Consumer Spending





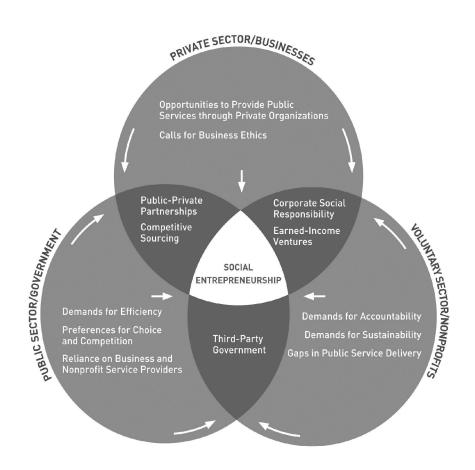
# The Three Sectors: Traditional Economic & Social Responsibilities

- Private Sector/Business—utilize markets to exchange goods and services for profit; drive productivity and innovation
- Public Sector/Government—respond to market failure by providing public goods and services through redistribution
- Voluntary Sector/Non-profits—engage individuals in action to achieve social impact

# Social Entrepreneurship Emerges at the Nexus

Andrew Wolk, Small Business Administration Report to the President, December 2007







# ASHOKA INNOVATORS FOR THE PUBLIC

# http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mBoBKIzrul





### **Characteristics of an ITN Affiliate**

Recreates private automobile ownership

Uses automobiles to provide rides 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;

Door-through-door, arm-through arm;

Available for any purpose, without restriction to all ITN® members;

Core business innovations

Personal Transportation Account<sup>™</sup>

Flexible approach to resources

Car*Trade*<sup>™</sup>

Cash

Transportation Social Security<sup>™</sup>

Co-payments—Ride & Shop<sup>™</sup>, Healthy Miles<sup>™</sup>, Ride Services<sup>™</sup>

Sustainable through fares from those who use the service and voluntary local community support, without the use of taxpayer dollars;

Connected through common information system, brand, business model, systems



# The Arithmetic of Sustainability

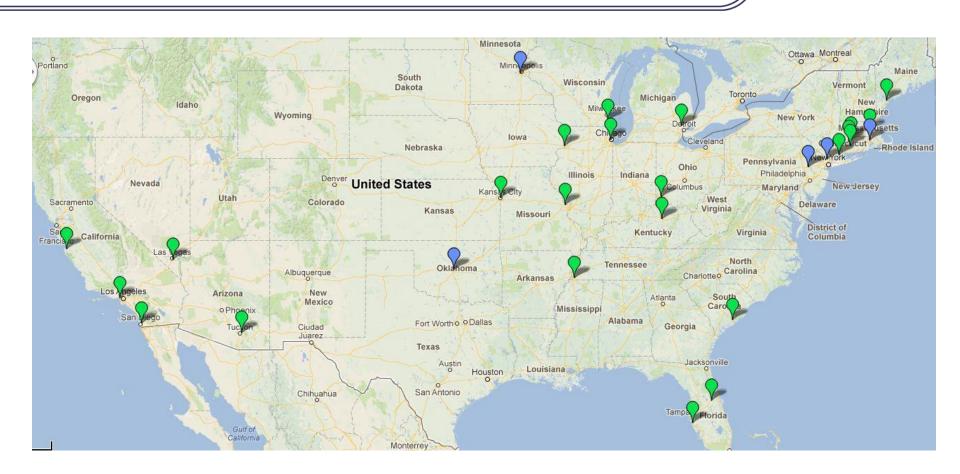
# <u>Fares + Diversified Base of Voluntary Local Community Support</u> Economic Sustainability

Efficiency through information system technology previously unavailable to local organizations and communities



### **Affiliate Sites**

### 27 Affiliated Communities in 22 States





### **Current 27 Affiliates in 22 States**

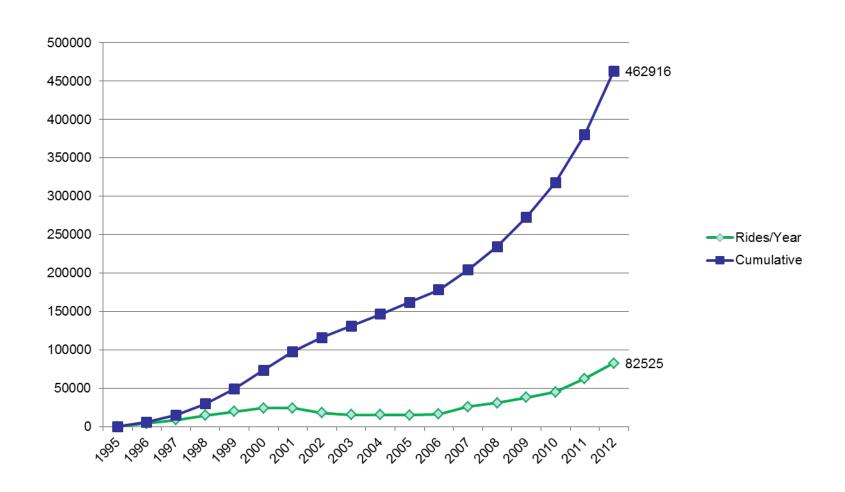
- 1995 ITNPortland<sup>TM</sup> Maine
- 2005 ITN*Orlando™* Florida
- 2005 ITN*CharlestonTrident*<sup>TM</sup>S. Carolina
- 2005 ITNGreaterLA™ California
- 2006 ITNQuadCities<sup>TM</sup> Iowa/Illinois
- 2007 ITNSanDiego<sup>TM</sup>California
- 2007 ITNChicago<sup>™</sup> Illinois
- 2007 ITNBluegrass<sup>TM</sup> Kentucky
- 2007 ITNNorthCentralCT<sup>TM</sup> Connecticut
- 2007 ITNCentralCT<sup>TM</sup> Connecticut
- 2008 ITNSarasota<sup>TM</sup> Florida
- 2009 ITNStCharles<sup>TM</sup> Missouri
- 2009 ITNGreaterCincinnati Ohio
- 2009 ITN*RacineCounty*<sup>TM</sup> Wisconsin
- 2009 ITN*LasVegasValley*™ Nevada
- 2009 ITNCoastalCT<sup>TM</sup> Connecticut

- 2010 ITNGreaterBoston<sup>TM</sup> Massachusetts (MultiBranch)
- 2011 ITN*GreaterKansasCity*<sup>TM</sup> Kansas/Missouri
- 2011 ITN*MontereyCounty*<sup>TM</sup> California
- 2012 ITN*Memphis*<sup>TM</sup> Tennessee
- 2012 ITNMetroDetroit TM Michigan
- 2012 ITNGreaterTucson TM Arizona

- 2011 ITNOceanState<sup>TM</sup> Rhode Island(PreAffiliate)
- 2012 ITN*NorthJersey* TM New Jersey (*PreAffiliate*)
- 2012 ITNCentralOklahoma <sup>TM</sup> Oklahoma (PreAffiliate)
- 2012 ITN*TwinCities* TM Minnesota (*PreAffiliate*)
- 2012ITN*LehighValley* TM Pennsylvania (*PreAffiliate*)

### **ITN Affiliate Ride Growth**





### Rides at a Glance



All affiliates providing rides, July 2010-June 2011

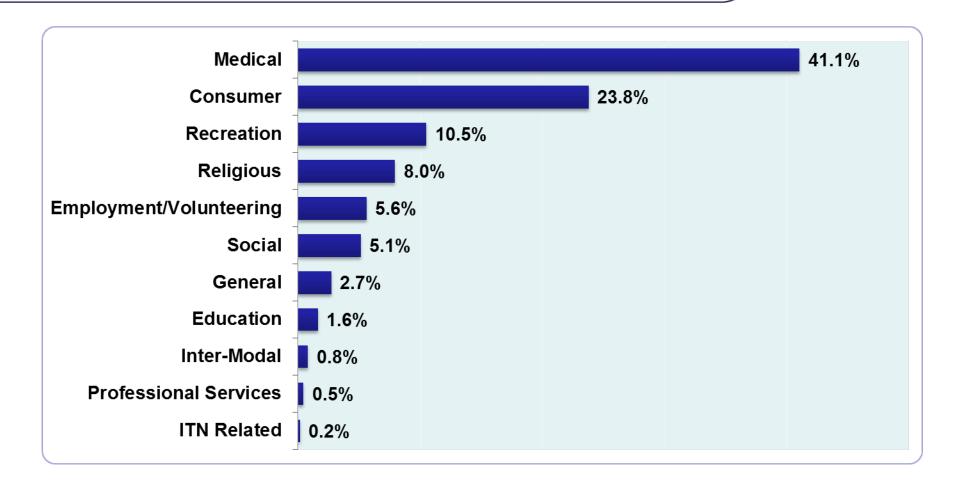
Average age of rider	79.76 years
Average length of ride*	4.97 miles
Average duration of ride*	19 minutes
Average fare* \$10.89	
Ride scheduled on the same day	5.16 %

\*Based on ride segments

## **Rides by Purpose**



All affiliates providing rides, July 2010 – June 2011 In % of N=29,606 ride segments (not including 25,160 home/return rides)





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Medical	
3,965	General
1,910	Dialysis
1,036	Physical Therapy
930	Eye care
856	Dental
664	Adult Day Care
588	Lab Tests
374	Cardiology
236	Psychiatrist
217	Cancer Treatment
190	Podiatry
140	Audiologist
136	Orthopedic
121	Gastrointestinal
120	Dermatology
98	Internal Medicine
91	Radiology/X-Ray
89	Surgery
67	Neurology
54	Acupuncture
50	Chiropractor
43	Mammogram
36	Endocrinologist
36	Nephrology
30	Annual Physical
29	Occupational Therapy

20	Vision Therapy		
18	Rheumatology		
12	Immunizations		
11	Bone Density		
10	Vascular		
Consu	ımar		
2,640			
	Grocery		
	General		
524	Pharmacy		
508	Banking		
399	Mall		
Emplo	yment / Volunteering		
1,422			
239	Volunteer		
Recreation			
1,205			
1,061			
593	Gaming		
198	Show		
57	Museum		
Social			
506 506	Nursing Home Visit		
475	Community Affairs		
475 448	Visit Friends / Family		
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27	Funeral / Mem. Service		
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27	Funeral / Mem. Service	
Church / Spiritual		
	Worship	
476	Social	
291	Work	
Educa	tion	
292	School	
148	Cultural	
42	Library	
Genera	al	
651	Personal Business	
103	Unknown	
53	Hourly Service	
Inter-Modal		
168	Airport	
63	Bus	
8	Train	
4	Ferry	
Professional Services		
56	Vet	
41	Finance	
40	Lawyer	



### **Household Income of ITN Customers**

- •Nearly half of ITN customers\* have income levels under \$25,000
- •We found no statistically significant differences by income in level of customer satisfaction, including cost perception of the service.

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Less than $25,000 46%
$25,000-$49,999 29%
$50,000-$74,999 11%
$75,000-$99,999 9%
$100,000 or more 5%
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<sup>\*</sup> Based on a sample of 792 customers who reported household income on the 2011 ITN Customer Satisfaction Survey.



#### **How Do ITN Customers use the Service?**

(5 years of data, 1/04-12/08) (n=1,557 customers; 58,736 rides)

- 83% use ITN for medical needs
- 46% consumer needs (banking, general, grocery, hair, mall, pharmacy)
- 24% social needs (community affairs, funeral, nursing home/hospital visit, family/friends visit)
- 21% general purposes (hourly, personal, unknown)
- 19% recreation (dining, exercise, gaming, museum, show)
- 16% worship
- 8% inter-modal connections (airport, bus, train, ferry)
- 7% education (library, class, cultural)
- 6% employment (paid, volunteer)
- 6% professional services (finance, legal, veterinarian)



# ITN*America*® Community Outreach Programs Turn Caring into Support and Dollars

#### Individuals & Families

Membership
Gift Certificates

#### Vehicles & Gifts in Kind

Car*Trade*™ Car Donation Gifts in Kind

# Merchants, Health Care Providers & the Business Community

Ride & Shop™ Healthy Miles™ Corporate Sponsorship

#### **Community Organizations**

Ride Services Ride Sponsorship

#### Volunteers

Transportation Social Security™ Road Scholarship Program™

### Municipalities & Government Organizations

Community Road Scholarship

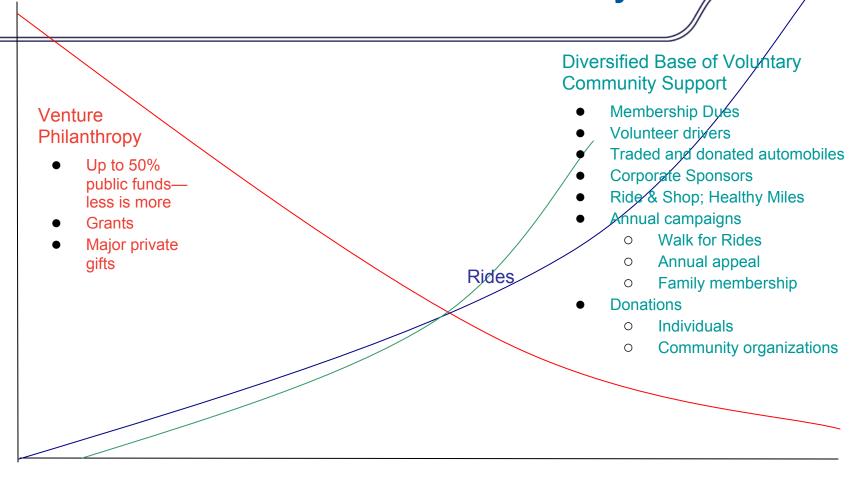
Program

#### Fundraising Events & Programs

Walk for Rides™ Annual Appeal Adult Child Membership Campaign Planned Giving



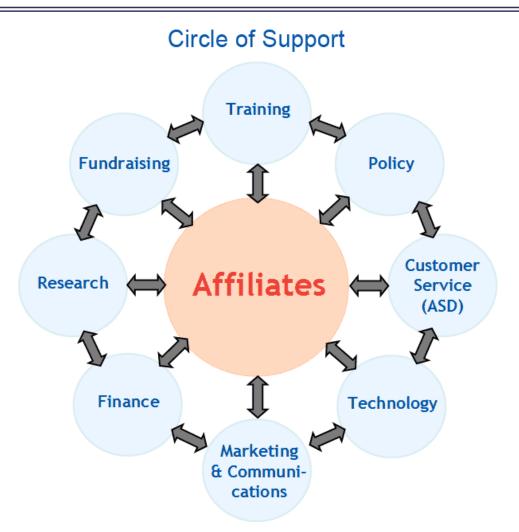
## **5 Year Arc to Sustainability**



year 1 year 2 year 3 year 4 year 5 hard work, independence, future



## **ITN***America* Circle of Support





# **iTN**America Portal

Rides Today:

this Month:

Dignified transportation for seniors

Home ► ITNBluegrass 2.0

Rides this Month:

Volunteer Coverage

Don't forget to check your new member and new customer reports in ITNRides each

201

25

71%



ITN Calendar





Operations Manual





**Executive Dashboard** 







Operations Dashboard Affiliate Comparisons

Files

week!

File Browser

Important notes:

- ACAB
- Reports
  - ITNBluegrass Walk for Rides 2010
- 3 Forums and Wikis
  - ITNAmerica Forum
  - ## ITNBluegrass Wiki
  - Press Room
- 4 External Sites and Links
  - ITNBluegrass Website
  - TNAmerica Website
  - Tiberty Mutual Senior Driving



## **2011 ITN Customer Satisfaction Survey**

(mailed to all customers nationally)

- 98% said they would recommend ITN to a friend
- 96% said their overall experience was excellent or very good
- 98% were very satisfied with the staff
- 98% were very satisfied the quality of service
- 2% felt that the service was too expensive



## **Atlantic Philanthropies Evaluation**

May 2007 to June 2010

How does ITN impact the quality of life for three distinct groups:

ITN customers (n=191 at T-1; 160 at T-2; 144 at T-3) family members of ITN customers (n=82 at T-1; 53 at T-2) ITN volunteer drivers (256 surveys; 141 completed; 56% response rate)

The study included customers and family members from 5 ITN affiliate communities

Charleston, SC

Lexington, KY

Los Angeles, CA

Orlando, FL

Portland, ME

The sample of volunteers provided rides in those communities as well as in 3 others

Middletown, CT

East Windsor, CT

San Diego, CA



### **Results—ITN Customers**

Transportation difficulty declined—21% in 1 year

64% prior to ITN membership

49% 6 months later

43% 1 year later

Confidence in arranging personal transportation increased— 22% in 1 year

55% prior to ITN membership

68% 6 months later

72% 1 year later

Confidence in arranging personal transportation increased in non-drivers to level of drivers

50% vs. 60% prior to ITN membership

68% vs. 70% six months later

70% vs. 69% one year later

Depression scores of non-drivers decreased after six months of ITN membership and the trend continued one year later (mean scores 5.0 to 4.1 to 4.2, respectively)

"Certainly kept me normal; I am able to keep my appointments. My life with ITN is pretty much the same as it was when I still drove. I'm glad to be a member. It made my transportation problem almost non-existent."—male customer, age 90



## **Results—Family Members**

Worry about their relatives' transportation adequacy—46% decrease

- 65% worried whether their relative had adequate transportation prior to ITN
- 19% six months after their relative joined ITN

Worry about their relatives' safety when they traveled from home—31% decrease

- 70% worried about their relatives' safety prior to ITN
- 39% 6 months after their relative joined ITN

#### Experience less emotional stress

Mean scores decreased from 2.8 to 2.3

Are less likely to miss work because they had to arrange or provide transportation—37% decrease

- 64% prior to ITN
- 27% 6 months after their relative joined ITN

"I don't have to worry how she is going to her doctor's appointments. And I never have to give up work time to take her somewhere." 54 year old niece



### **Results—Volunteers**

#### Derive personal and social benefits from this role

- 66% volunteering for ITN has affected their quality of life
- 36% volunteering for ITN has enriched their social lives

"I have made friends with a few members and I enjoy our conversations and occasional meals together." 49 year old female volunteer

Think about and plan for their future transportation needs for themselves & others

- 39% storing ride credits in an ITN account for their own future transportation needs
- 38% donating their credits to the Road Scholarship Fund for low income riders

"I have a better understanding of senior life and problems. I can prepare myself and family for things to come." 72 year old male volunteer



### **How is it Financed?**

### Raising Start-up Funds

#### PUBLIC (up to 50% in first 5 years)

- General Municipal
- Other DOT
- Mobility management reserves
- New Freedom Funds, etc.

#### **PRIVATE**

#### Individual donors

- Major Donors (Angels)
- Small gifts
- Family Foundations
   Corporate
- Med/large businesses
- Corporate foundations

#### **Medical**

- Local hospitals, medical groups, rehab
- facilities, Dialysis centers, etc.
- Hospital/insurance conversion foundations

#### Foundation

- Mission-oriented
- Community foundations
- Religious

#### Other Organizations

- AARP
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Other senior organizations
- Religious groups
- Service agencies, i.e. Lions, Rotary



### Learn More—ITNAmerica Webinars

- What is the ITN and how does it work?.
- How to start the ITN in your community?
- ITNAmerica technology, including the enterprise software that connects ITNAmerica's national network.



# **New Programming—Leveraging Technology**

- Variations on the theme—multi-branch affiliates & pre-affiliates
- ITNEverywhere—a revolutionary approach to community transport



# ITNEverywhere—a revolutionary approach to community transport

- ITNEverywhere is a suite of transportation software programs linked through a unified data model and shared business services that access private transportation capacity to create consumer-oriented community transport.
- Designed to complement, not replace, public transportation, ITNEverywhere builds on the innovative use of private resources and personal transportation planning developed by ITNAmerica for the aging population and applies those concepts to the population as a whole.



#### **Business Innovation Transfer**

## Personal Transportation Account

- A mobility portfolio
- Holds assets in various forms

## Flexible approach to resources

 Accesses resources in various forms, i.e. Car Trade, Transportation Social Security

# A Suite of Transportation Software Applications—6 years of R&D in 4 states (ME, MA, FL, NY)



- ITNClassic—current application, built for sustainable senior transportation
- ITNLite—for small volunteer and rural transportation programs
- ITNCommunityTransport—for communities lacking public transport; turns existing capacity of private vans and small buses into a voluntary community fleet
- ITNRideshare—accesses shared ride capacity in private vehicles
- ITNMyCar—works like ZipCar<sup>®</sup>, but uses donated or traded vehicles to create low cost mobility for lower income or rural communities



## **Research Opportunities**

- University of Missouri
- CDC
- University Transportation Centers
- Federal Transit Administration



## **Policy Opportunities**

#### **Federal**

Older Americans Sustainable Mobility Act of 2006 Section 416 of the 2006 Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3032e.) National Register of Safe Senior Drivers

#### State

50 State Policy Project

### Local

Sarasota, South Portland, Cincinnati



### **Our Vision for the Future**





## Transportation on the Horizon— Our Vision for the Future

- ITN and ITNEverywhere will be in every community that wants it in the USA
- ITN and ITNEverywhere will be in every country that wants it in the world
- The National Endowment for Transportation will be established to help develop sustainable, consumer-oriented, community transportation with private resources
- Policies that remove barriers and create incentives for sustainable community transportation will be in place in every state and every country where they are needed
- People, families, businesses and organizations across the street and across the nation will be connected through ITN so all seniors and all people will have dignified mobility when they want it
- With sufficient mobility, safety, social interaction, the environment and the economy will improve, while poverty, pollution and isolation will diminish



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The Liberty Mutual and ITNAmerica Partnership. ITNAmerica is excited to announce our partnership with Liberty Mutual, one of the nation's leading auto, home and life insurers. As the National Insurance Partner to ITNAmerica and our affiliate communities, Liberty Mutual has embraced ITN's mission to support safe, senior mobility and developed resources for seniors and their families to make good, safe transportation decisions found at www.libertymutual.com/seniordriving.

