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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors are so pleased to welcome
Jessica Carland as our new Executive Director. She
has been working with the Benzie Bus in various
capacities for several years. Her past contributions
to Benzie Bus have included Board Member,
Dispatch Supervisor and Mobility Manager.

Our management team consists of Operations
Manager Chad Hollenbeck, Office and Human Resources Manager
Nancy Hunt, and Finance Manager Wendy Wedemeier. We look forward
to their strong leadership in the upcoming years.

The Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Award we received this year reflects on the professionalism and quality of our entire staff, and the essential role Benzie Bus plays in our community. Our award-winning staff also did very well at the 2022 State Bus Drivers Roadeo, and we look forward to participating in the National Roadeo in 2023.

We look forward to continuing to grow and meet the transportation needs of the Community. I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Board Chairperson.

"Benzie Bus connects people of all ages and abilities to our community and promotes independence and prosperity through a safe and convenient public transit system."



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MANAGEMENT TEAM

Jessica Carland
Executive Director

Chad Hollenbeck
Operations Manager

Nancy Hunt Office & HR Manager

Wendy Wedemeier Finance Manager



- 2nd place in TEAM COMPETITION
 Bryan Potts, Scott Powell, Chris Geetings
- 1st place in INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION Scott Powell

Scott will head to Oklahoma City, OK in May 2023 to compete in the National Roadeo

Roadeo is an opportunity for drivers to show off their driving skills while focusing on passenger safety and sensitivity

EMPLOYEES

- 44 employees with an average of 6 years of service
- 91% employee satisfaction rate
- Increased wages to stay competitive
- Avg monthly turnover rate of 1.7%

COMMUNITY

- Thanks to support from Benzie
 Senior Resources, Health Rides launched
 April 2022
- 7 community partners subsidizing trips for clients

CLIMATE

- 90% of our fleet runs on propane
- Purchase of Toyota Sienna Hybrid Minivan

FY2023 GOALS

of Commerce

COMMUNITY

Improving passenger communications by utilizing customer-preferred technologies

Benzie Bus receives the

Benzie County Chamber

IMPACT AWARD

- Implementing "text to ride" option
- Creating a more appealing and functional website
- Installing interior monitors in vehicles to stream important Benzie Bus information

Improving community mobility

- Resuming the Flex route
- Implementing an on-demand after-hours service

Continue to demonstrate financial stewardship

- Reducing service costs
- Increasing vehicle advertising revenue



I LOVE Benzie bus! They
were awesome for school
transportation... I am
grateful for the service
and the wonderful customer
service we got.

