ATTLEBORO AREA SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLIANCE

COLLECTIVE IMPACT ALLIANCES

- 2015 Community input forums convened by the Attleboro YMCA
 - Launched 2 Collective Impact Alliances
 - Healthy Living and Social Responsibility
 - Launched in 2016
 - Each alliance member committed to a 3 year process and an MOU for participation
 - Alliance was resourced by 3 core entities. \$10k per year for the admin support and a Facilitator.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLIANCE

- Alliance was formed by inviting:
 - Business Leaders
 - State Legislators
 - Social Service Organizations
 - Higher Education Leaders
 - Regional Transit Authority

- The alliance reviewed the needs data from the 2015 community input sessions, along with insights from members.
- Transportation was clearly identified as the most critical issue that could assist our under-resourced residents.
- Specifically with needs during nights and weekends which fall outside the transit authority's service hours.

C.A.R. "COMMUNITY ACCESSING RIDES"

- C.A.R. Initiative was piloted and organized around Sub-Committees
 - Operations
 - Funding
 - Marketing
- Objective was to provide on demand transportation for under-resourced individuals in the Greater Attleboro Area.
- Partnering with a ride sharing company was identified as a possible solution. UBER was chosen due to service availability.
- Social service organizations were identified and invited to a meeting to listen, provide input, and gauge interest on becoming a partner.

GATRA A KEY PARTNER

- GATRA was at the table throughout the process as a key partner and resource.
- GATRA secured the Community Transit Grant.
- Developed Google Earth resource for Pilot members to identify fixed route locations before they logged on for an Uber ride.
- Education on existing GATRA services.

FUNDING SECURED

- 7 social service organizations agreed to be members of the pilot and contributed between \$250-\$1,000 depending on the size of their organization. This entitled them to up to \$2,000 worth of rides.
- Attleboro Rotary contributed \$2,000
- Wal-Mart \$250 mini grant
- COMMUNITY TRANSIT grant \$30,000 (matching funds)
- State legislative request \$20,000
- \$4,750. raised from Pilot members
- Willow Tree contributed \$1,000

UBER CENTRAL PROCESS

- Operations Sub-Committee formalized the process for "Uber Central" as our mechanism to use for the Pilot.
- Engaged the (7) Pilot members and held a special training and tutorial
- Centralized Billing (YMCA fiscal agent), Billed monthly
- Pilot Organization has up to two contacts trained on the process of securing a ride.
- They each have a personal access code

UBER CENTRAL PROCESS, CONT.

- Access from smart phone or IPad or Lap top (Secured by Organization Staff). Rider does not need to have a smart phone.
- Pre-schedule or time of need schedule of a ride
- GATRA must not be available (Primarily after 6pm M-F and weekends)
- Part of the agreement with UBER was to have the ability to track trips with specific information like origin/destination, time, miles traveled, and cost
- Additional 3 members joined in May, 2018 (Attleboro HS, Sturdy Hospital, ARC of Bristol County)

RESULTS TO DATE AND KEY LEARNING

(AS OF 9/1/18)

- October 1, 2017 Launched
- Rides started slowly (68 in the first 2 months)
- December 1, 2017-September 1, 2018 (1,100 rides)
- Total of 1,168 rides. Average cost per ride \$21.
- Time Periods of usage:
- -25% weekends (variety of time periods)
- -75% weekdays (mostly evenings, but when it was accessed during day time hours, it was due to out of area transport and/or GATRA not easily accessible.

KEY LEARNING, CONT.

- Primary uses for the services
 - Medical related appointments
 - Renewal or application for government benefits (SNAP, Heat Assistance, etc.)
 - Appointments at Social Service Agency (ESL Class, Counseling, etc.)
 - 2nd or 3rd shift job
 - Food access

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Collective Impact Approach and Way of Work
- Cross Functional membership on the Alliance
- GATRA involvement (active engagement)
- Trained and committed Pilot Members (10 Organizations)
- Check in Conference Calls (every other week for duration)
- Uber Business reports for Tracking and Monitoring purposes
- Committed Leadership

NEXT STEPS

- 6 members will be sustaining on their own after 10/31/18
- 4 smaller organizations are currently working together on their own sustainability plan (Collaborating on funding, Admin., etc.)
- White Paper being developed to document process, learning and will be shared with others.