



For Immediate Release Media Information from Souhegan Valley Rides

## **Souhegan Valley Rides Achieves 10,000<sup>th</sup> Ride Milestone**

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, Souhegan Valley Rides, the regional dial-a-ride bus service, provided its 10,000<sup>th</sup> ride! Milford resident Jesse Phillips took the 10,000<sup>th</sup> ride to an appointment in Nashua. To commemorate this milestone, Souhegan Valley Rides board members presented Mr. Phillips with a gift bag including gift cards donated by Walmart of Amherst and the Pasta Loft of Milford, an official Souhegan Valley Rides tee-shirt, and a bountiful fruit basket donated by Shaw's of Milford. Marcia Nelson, board secretary, noted, "We are very grateful to these local businesses for their generous support and recognition of Souhegan Valley Rides as a valuable community resource."

Mr. Phillips has been a regular passenger on the "Blue Bus" since the service began in 2008. He was delighted by the special recognition and is grateful for the bus service which helps him get to and from ongoing healthcare appointments in Nashua. Over the years, Mr. Phillips has developed a very positive relationship with Paul McManus, the principal Nashua Transit System bus driver covering the Souhegan Valley area. As he and many other passengers have said "Paul is the greatest!" Mr. Phillips was pleased to take part in the festivities by presenting a "Blue Bus" tee-shirt to Mr. McManus.



SVTC Board members Susan Pendleton and Marcia Nelson presented Jesse Phillips with a special gift recognizing him as the passenger taking the 10,000<sup>th</sup> ride provided through the Souhegan Valley Rides bus program.



As part of the festivities, Jesse Phillips, the 10,000<sup>th</sup> ride passenger, presented a Souhegan Valley Rides tee-shirt to Paul McManus, the principal Nashua Transit System bus driver covering the Souhegan Valley.

Serving the communities of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis and Milford, Souhegan Valley Rides has grown steadily since the first ride was provided in October 2008. Any person in need of transportation assistance who resides in one of these four towns is eligible to use the service. Currently, the bus service is available Monday through Friday from 8 am to 6 pm including travel time to and from the Nashua Transit System garage. While the focus of the service continues to be on healthcare related transportation, rides are available for access to social service appointments, local senior activity centers, local town facilities and libraries, and shopping.

For more information about the Souhegan Valley Rides bus service, please visit [www.SouheganValleyRides.org](http://www.SouheganValleyRides.org); pick-up a brochure in the four participating communities at the local town hall or library, or at SHARE Outreach, Inc. in Milford; email any questions to [Info@SouheganRides.org](mailto:Info@SouheganRides.org); or call 673-8482 to speak with a SVR volunteer.