



December 29, 2021

Dear Friends,

When the storms of December 10 hit our neighbors in Cayce and Mayfield, we heeded the call to provided much needed transportation within the two areas. Realizing how widely damaged Mayfield was, we sounded a call of our own to other Transit agencies within the Commonwealth to assist us with what we deemed would be an enormous task.

Without hesitation, you quickly answered the call with drivers and buses to help us keep those needing assistance moving to the places they needed to go. Your drivers quickly became friends to those in Mayfield seeking answers, assistance, a warm meal, or other much needed supplies. Your drivers also became those who offered not only listening ears, but an outpouring of kindness and encouraging words. I have no doubt that they heard more than once how much of a blessing they were and received "God bless you" from weary travelers seeking to rebuild their lives during an extremely difficult time.

Thank you doesn't sound like enough to offer all of you for giving of your time, your employees, and your vehicles, but it comes from deep within my heart and the heart of the FCTA staff who knows we could not have provided as much assistance without you. Although we sincerely hope you never have to issue a similar call for clients within the areas you serve, please know we will heed the call as quickly as possible if it ever happens.

Having previously worked in emergency services, this is by far the worst destruction I have ever seen. Striking two weeks before Christmas certainly made it not only a more difficult event to bear, but honestly took some of the joy out of the season. But in all the devastation, there has still been a lot of good to be found. We have seen the goodness of mankind helping brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, and strangers.

Although we don't currently know how much longer these free transportation services will need to be provided for our neighbors and friends, we are humbled that you are willing to step up and work side by side with us through this period.

Here's hoping that 2022 finds all of us all healthier, safer, and even a bit wealthier in love, joy, and peace.

With kindest regards,

FCTA Executive Director Kenny M. Etherton