

# BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

## **Mike Barnhart**

**Mike Barnhart** graduated from Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with a degree in Social Work. He has served as the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Transportation Service in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the last nine years, providing people access to employment opportunities during hours not served by traditional public transportation. During his tenure, NTS has more than tripled the number of rides delivered each year. NTS also was one of 19 programs to serve as a national model for the PEW Partnership's "Solutions for America" project, was the recipient of the Iowa League of Cities "All-Star Community Award," and received an Honorable Mention Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors Waste Management City Livability Award. Prior to coming to NTS, Mike worked at Goodwill Industries as a Job Development Counselor where he assisted people with disabilities find and maintain employment. Mike also managed the EcoYouth program at the Metro Area Housing Program, where he worked with at-risk youth teaching them work skills.