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Mother To Mother charity is now able to go regional thanks to newly designed transport bus
Ingram Express Services (IES) donates design and installation of new bus graphics

NASHVILLE – After a solid week of rain, on Friday the clouds rolled away and blue skies emerged in Nashville just in time for a big surprise for a local non-profit.

[Mother To Mother](#), a local charity that works with hospitals and other agencies to collect and distribute items such as car seats, pack ‘n plays, diapers and clothing to families in need, was recently gifted a much-needed vehicle, by Randy Smith, chairman and co-founder of Smith Travel Research, that would allow the organization to greatly expand its reach. But the bus was covered with someone else’s logo.

Nashville-based [Ingram Express Services \(IES\)](#), a large-format printer, had been looking for a charity to get involved with, so the two groups were perfectly suited for each other. IES brought the bus to its warehouse, removed all of the old graphics, installed new Mother to Mother graphics and revealed the new-and-improved bus to a crowd of IES employees, vendors and several from Mother to Mother on Friday.

“We are really excited about what’s happening here,” IES General Manager Scott Schweitzer told the crowd. “We decided as a company we were looking for someone to partner with and one of our valued partners introduced us to Mother to Mother and the response has been fantastic.”

Janie Busbee, founder of Mother To Mother was beyond surprised not only by the beautiful new bus graphics, but that IES had worked with vendors and neighboring businesses to fill the bus with needed items including diapers, pack ‘n plays and blankets.

“It's gorgeous,” Busbee proclaimed as she walked around the newly decorated bus. “It captures what I want everybody to know when I drive down the street, which is that we do provide, so

that we can nurture families to help them thrive. I love it and it's happy. I just love everything about it.”

IES estimated the bus was full of nearly \$7,000 worth of items that Mother To Mother can distribute to families in need.

Schweitzer also thanked IES owner Adam Ingram and his wife Ann for allowing the company to be involved in this charitable donation.

“It’s always a little nerve-racking when you go up to the owner and say that you want to take money from him and just give it out to the community, but he didn’t hesitate at all and we couldn’t be happier with how it came out,” Schweitzer said.

Ingram added that finding a deserving charity for the company and its employees to work with was just the next step in the evolution of IES.

“With the growth of IES, we have been so fortunate, and we are at the point where we are able to give back,” Ingram said. “The next step for us is to figure out how to keep this great relationship going with Mother to Mother. We will stay in touch with them, learn what their needs are and do everything we can to help them out, whether it be printing needs or hosting diaper drives.”

Jeanine Garner, Mother To Mother’s executive director, said the newly wrapped bus will not only serve as a great marketing tool for the charity, but will allow them to begin their rural outreach program to get to the areas outside of Davidson County.

“We couldn’t really reach the outlying areas before, because we didn’t have a way to transport needed items,” Garner said. “Now we can have ‘stuff the bus’ events and we will be able to get donated items back to our warehouse and more importantly, out to the families who need them most.”

ABOUT MOTHER TO MOTHER

Mother To Mother is a nonprofit that provides vital health, safety and wellness items for infants and children in need by working with a special network of social workers, nurses, social service agencies and local hospitals. We distribute diapers, car seats, clothes, cribs, strollers, and other essential baby items to low-income children from newborns to age 10. For more information about Mother To Mother, visit their website at www.mothers-to-mother.org.

ABOUT IES

IES began as Ingram Express Services in 1995 as a fulfillment company with a big vision. Over the years, IES expanded into large-format printing and made a commitment to their clients that

they would never be limited in what they could do. IES utilizes the latest technology and hires the best people to ensure their customers are satisfied 100 percent of the time. IES is built around promising and executing quick turnaround times for clients and bringing their visions to life. For more information on IES, visit their web site at www.ingramexpress.com

