

A “Flex” Fan for Life

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New to Milwaukee and looking for a job, Richard had a problem: a lack of personal transportation.

Sure, he could borrow his friend’s car, but he didn’t want to count on that, and his friend worked the day shift. He could ride the bus, but that didn’t get him to the front door of the companies he was applying to in the suburbs. His fix: “Flex,” as in FlexRide Milwaukee.

“I wasn’t getting around much at all because I didn’t have a car,” said Richard, who moved from Chicago in early 2022. “One day I was borrowing the car and dropping my friend off, and I heard about ‘Flex’ on the radio. I took some information down, got home and Googled it. Then I downloaded the app. It was easy.”

Within days, Richard was riding FlexRide to work as a food safety technician at Cargill Meat Solutions in Butler. Without it, he was faced with having to walk a mile from the closest bus stop to work.

“I have always been on time to work, so it’s been very helpful to me,” he said. “It’s been nothing but positive. I would suggest it to anybody. You can’t beat it – go do it.”

In fact, Richard is promoting the service with some of his co-workers, even as he is looking into purchasing a car of his own – using money he saved from the job that FlexRide helped make a reality.

Also, because of FlexRide, and because of the work he does in inspecting meats bound for major local grocery stores, our food is a little safer.

“I would suggest it to anybody. That’s why I shared it, planted the seed,” he said. “Anybody in need of transportation to work, this will help you get there and better your life situation.”

