



Volunteer Transportation

Low Cost Senior Transportation for Every Community

Advantages to Sponsors

- Low cost to start and operate
- Easy to start and manage
- Provides rides anywhere
- Proven, efficient outcomes
- Operation costs scalable to resources
- Low risk - Riders recruit their volunteer drivers
- Operates without scheduling and dispatch
- Vehicle ownership expenses are eliminated

Powerful Passenger Benefits

- Free to riders
- Friends and neighbors serve as volunteer drivers
- 24/7 rides are possible, as arranged with friends
- No curb-side waiting – no missed pick-ups
- Travel can cross jurisdictional boundaries
- Customizable to any needed level of service
- Builds and strengthens social network

Attractive to Volunteers

- Not “on call” – no set hours
- Volunteers “work” for a friend
- Chance to help others
- Way to add meaning and purpose to daily life
- Opportunity to build friendships
- Mileage reimbursements offset expenses
- Provides high level of personal satisfaction

The TRIP model was designed as a *low-cost, low-maintenance, customer driven* approach for providing transportation to older adults and others with disabilities. The original TRIP Program is a volunteer driver service that began providing transportation assistance for seniors and people with disabilities in Riverside County California in 1993.

The efficiency and effectiveness of the TRIP Model has been proven in cities, suburban, and rural areas. So far the Riverside County program has provided over 14.5 million miles of assisted travel and more than a 1.2 million free, escorted trips for 5,000+ passengers with up to 1,000 volunteer drivers in some years.

The TRIP Model is *highly adaptable* and can be operated in almost any geographical setting. A start-up can be scaled to any community's available resources. A TRIP service is quick and inexpensive to start and operate as a stand-alone or it can be integrated and harmonize with a menu of existing human or transportation services.

Want More Information?

Visit www.TRIPtrans.org

The Senior Transportation Option that Will Work for Everyone

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