

Metropolitan Family Service

Volunteer Description

Program: Project Linkage, 503.249.0471

Position: Driver

Program Description: Project Linkage helps older adults remain independent in their own homes by linking them with volunteers who provide in-home support and transportation services. Project Linkage has served older adults and people with disabilities in the community since 1980.

Position Description: Project Linkage Drivers provide a valuable service to older adults and people with disabilities who do not have transportation to and from grocery shopping, important medical and personal appointments. Mileage reimbursement is available for volunteers using their own vehicles.

Time Commitment: Flexible and variable. Daytime volunteer drivers are urgently needed; however, we can also use evening and weekend drivers. We ask volunteers to be available for two to four hour blocks of time, mornings or afternoons. You may volunteer once a month, once a week, or more – we work with your schedule.

Responsibilities: Volunteers use their own vehicle to drive an older adult to the doctor, grocery store or other appointments; assist in and out of car and buildings as needed; stay with client as needed. Volunteers may transport someone who can only walk short distances and then must use a wheelchair; you may transport those who use a cane, a walker or an oxygen tank; you may also serve those who have a vision or hearing impairment or have slow responses or poor balance. In all cases, your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated.

Qualifications: Patience, honesty, ability to listen, friendliness, flexibility, acceptance of people and their differences. All potential volunteers must consent to a criminal history background check, DMV check and submit three references who are not family members. Volunteers must be at least 23 years of age, have at least five years of driving experience, have a good driving record, proof of insurance, and a dependable vehicle.

Supervision & Training: Project Linkage orientation is provided prior to service. Additional training through Ride Connection must be completed, which includes Mobility Assistance Awareness and Defensive Driving.

For more information: Contact Metropolitan Family Service at 503.249.8215, ext.22



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