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Metropolitan Family Service Volunteer Description

Program: Project Linkage

Position: Driver (Personal Vehicle or Van/Bus)

Program Description: Project Linkage helps older adults and people with disabilities 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 1978.

Position Description: Project Linkage Volunteer Drivers provide a valuable service to older adults and persons with disabilities by providing transportation to grocery stores and important medical and personal appointments. Mileage reimbursement is available.

Time Commitment: Transportation is typically provided Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Occasional evening and weekend trips may be requested. Volunteers should be available for one to four hour blocks of time. Volunteers may serve once a month, once a week, or more – we work with your schedule. Drivers of our vans and bus may have regular times / routes.

Responsibilities:

Personal Vehicle Drivers: Volunteers use personal vehicles to drive clients to medical or other appointments. Volunteers may assist passengers in and out of the vehicle and accompany them as needed. Volunteers may transport clients who use mobility assistance devices such as collapsible wheelchairs or walkers and/or other assistance devices such as oxygen tanks.

Bus/Van Drivers: Volunteers use Project Linkage vehicles (5 passenger minivan or 14 passenger bus) to drive service recipients to life sustaining medical appointments, the grocery store, and social outings.

Qualifications: Volunteers should listen well, be flexible and able to accept people and their differences. All potential volunteers must consent to a criminal history background check, driving history check and submit a program application. Volunteers must have at least five years driving experience, maintain a driver's license in their state of residence, provide proof of required auto liability insurance and have a dependable vehicle. Drivers using their own vehicles should have access to email and a way to map routes to destinations.

Supervision & Training: Project Linkage orientation is provided prior to service. An additional 8 hours of training provided by Ride Connection must be completed within six months of becoming a volunteer driver.

For more information: Contact Metropolitan Family Service at 503.232.0007, ext.211