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Thank You for Driving Our Community!

Neighbor Ride

(Neighbor Ride Board member and client celebrating Hall of Fame driver, Ruth Small)

# **VOLUNTEER HALL OF FAME**

As a part of Neighbor Ride's 20th Anniversary Celebration, we established a Volunteer Hall of Fame to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our dedicated volunteers. The inaugural inductees' unwavering dedication, service, and compassion are the epitome of what Neighbor Ride is all about.

Since Neighbor Ride's services were launched in November 2004, our Hall of Famers and other incredible volunteers have:

- Provided over 236,100 passenger trips and deliveries
- Handled over 250,000 calls and over 145,000 ride requests
- Provided rides to over 3,000 of our older adult neighbors
- Helped connect our community by providing rides that have created over 48,900 different volunteer/client pairings

Through the simple act of "neighbor helping neighbor" our volunteers make it possible for older adults to stay healthy, independent, and actively engaged in the life of our community.

Wondering if you have met any of our Hall of Famers? Checkout the list of our inaugural inductees on p. 4 and be sure to join us in congratulating them the next time you ride with one.

# SPRING 2024

### Have an Unused Car or Truck?

Consider donating it to Neighbor Ride! We accept vehicles regardless of age or condition; and anyone from anywhere (including other states) can donate. Proceeds help make the transportation service that we provide for older adults possible.

The process is quick, easy, and secure. Simply call **866-829-2918** to schedule your free vehicle pick-up. Learn more online at: <u>neighborride.org/vehicle-</u> <u>donations/.</u>

### **Requesting Rides** (Allow 3 business days when scheduling a ride.)\*

Call 410-884-7433 or visit portal.neighborride.org and click on Request a Ride

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Request Day	First Available Ride Day
Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Sunday or Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday
Saturday	Thursday

NOTE: Holidays do NOT count towards the 3 day requirement and will shift the schedule above.

### **Ride Rate Schedule**

Fees are determined by the one-way distance, per Google Maps, between the pick-up location and destination. If you are a Veteran or your income is limited, you may be eligible for subsidized rides. Please call the Neighbor Ride office for more information or to request an application.

#### Rates - Effective July 1, 2022

One-Way Mileage	Roundtrip Fee
Under 1 mile	\$10.00
1 - 4.99 miles	\$12.00
5 - 9.99 miles	\$18.00
10 - 14.99 miles	\$24.00
15 - 19.99 miles	\$30.00
20 - 35 miles	\$36.00

### Holiday Schedule (Office is Closed)

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day Monday, September 2 - Labor Day Thu/Fri, November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving

### Reminders

### **Ride Match Portal**

The Ride Match Portal is available to any client or client family member who would like to manage their Neighbor Ride account and rides electronically. Please call the office if you need login instructions.

### **Leaving Messages Regarding Rides**

If you call the office to schedule, change, or cancel a ride, please remember to press 1 to speak with a Ride Coordinator or to leave a message. Do NOT leave ride-related messages on our Community Outreach Director's line as they may not be heard in time to address your needs.



### The Gift of Pre-Planning

We know that most people's first instinct is to look away when the topic of pre-planning funerals is presented; but we encourage you to read on. You'll be glad you did.

#### What Is Pre-Planning?

Pre-planning is simply the process of drawing up plans for a funeral before they are needed. It involves gathering a variety of family information and making decisions about the type of arrangements you want.



#### Why Pre-Plan?

Picture this... After you've passed, instead of scrambling to make a lot of difficult choices as they are also grappling with your loss, your loved ones can breathe a little easier knowing that you have already taken care of things. Because you pre-planned when you had the luxury of time and clarity to think through the details and make choices, your family will also be comforted by the knowledge that your final arrangements truly reflect your values and preferences.

#### What About Pre-Payment?

Pre-planning isn't solely about alleviating stress; it can also be an effective strategy for managing costs. You can choose to prepay in full for your funeral – shielding your loved ones from future price increases.

#### **Pre-Payment Options**

Options including funeral insurance policies and irrevocable trusts provide flexibility and security. Funds set aside are designated specifically for your funeral expenses, ensuring that your wishes are honored without undue strain on your family's finances. Moreover, if you ever need to, the ability to transfer the full amount to another funeral home offers added peace of mind.

By pre-planning, you ensure that your loved ones don't have to make difficult decisions during a time of grief and stress.

#### How to Pre-Plan Your Funeral

There are many different ways to begin the planning ahead conversation. You know your family and how they might best respond to the topic. For some families, it might be a casual conversation over dinner. For others, a formal meeting might be better suited. Regardless of your approach, bringing up the subject with loved ones when you are healthy, rather than waiting for a health crisis, makes the topic easier to discuss and keeps the focus on the celebration of life rather than an impending loss.

#### Help is Available

Whether you choose to prepay or not, the process of pre-planning is more accessible than you might think. Locally, Harry H. Witzke's Family Funeral Home offers comprehensive resources and forms to guide you through the process – empowering you to make informed decisions with ease. For more information, contact them at (410) 465-2848 or visit them online at: <u>www.harrywitzkefuneralhome.com/pre-arrangements</u>.

## **O**B|W|F|A **Volunteer Notes**

### **Neighbor Ride's Volunteer Hall of Fame Inductees**













- Lois Allen
- Tony Anderson
- Roy Appletree
- Susan Appletree
- Anne Berkowitz
- Sue Buswell
- Bill Case
- Sara Cochran
- Bruce Copeland
- Dave Cramer
- Clinton Edwards
- Joanne Elms
- Pat Everhart

- Richard Fleece
- Karen Gentle
- Paul Gleichauf
- Farida Guzdar
- Bob Jackson
- Barb Jewett
- Donald Jones
- Mike Levin
- Al Levine
- Steven McKay
- Marilyn O'Loughlin
- Jim Peidrafita
- Ellen Podhajsky

- Ron Polniaszak
- Alan Polster
- Janet Rodriquez
- Paul Seiler
- Ruth Small
- Carol Spangler
- Leo St. Cyr
- Steven Sternheimer
- Sue Sternheimer
- Wendy Van Antwerp
- George Walgrove

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- Andy Wakshul
- Chris Woodruff

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