



Senior Rides and More

Newsletter

December 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

Senior Rides and More is a faith-based nonprofit whose mission is to promote senior independent living, health and safety by providing free transportation and other services.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Behind every successfully organized event there is an extraordinary volunteer team.

Our volunteers are special to us, and we wish we had more of you. Not only do you use your own car, pay for the gas, and give hours of your time, but you also offer companionship, friendship, a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, and an open heart. The time and commitment you share with Senior Rides and our care receivers is priceless.

Thank you so much for the immeasurably valuable work you have done for our charity! We want you to know that your dedication is essential to the work that we do in Houston and Fort Bend.

In 2021 alone, Senior Rides volunteers have driven over 31,000 miles, given over 3,600 hours of time, and assisted with nearly 3,500 rides and telephone/companionship calls to our care receivers.



Helen Schmolke

We cannot do it without you: *Barbara Ervin; Lloyd Parks; Gaynell Petty; Helen Schmolke; Pete Hogue; Richard Grammens; Annette Bisanz; Germaine Johnson; Kathy Danforth; John*

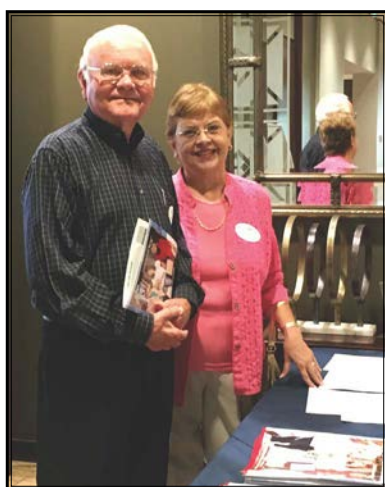
Volunteer Spotlight



Carl with Gloria Taylor

Heinemann; Melissa Frank; Rick Routzon; Lois O'Connor; Pat Compton; Therese Flaherty; Hildegard Warner; Fill Frazer; Robert Kelly; Sharon Kelly; Adrianna Rubio; Becky Landes; Michael Stein; Gus Brann; John Marshall; Carl Sandlin; Inge-Lotte Liesner; Marilyn Rice; Ephron Catlin; Adam Heghinian; Janie Mitcham; Ronda West; Joel Talley; Linda Sim; Janet Hirsch; Stan Boyer; Peg Abshire; John Atwood; David Magdanz; Bob Wolfram; Jerry Lummus; Paine Hanners; Ed White; Gil Keery; Billie Tully; Susan Fogarty; Elizabeth McLoughlin; and Myra Schexnayder.

Thank you all for a job well-done!



Pete and Dee Stanley



Debbie Schmidt and Joyce Fitch

Shop AMAZON SMILES to support Senior Rides and More

It's the holidays and almost everyone heads to Amazon to find a great deal on gifts for loved ones. Don't forget to think of Senior Rides and More when you start your online shopping! Log in to SMILE.AMAZON.COM to give back to your favorite nonprofit. You MUST start your shopping at "Smile.Amazon.com" (do not go directly to Amazon.com) to receive the prompt to choose your charity. IMPORTANT: You will find us under both Senior Rides and More AND Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers Southwest, so either name will benefit the same great organization. Amazon will give 0.5 percent of eligible purchases back to our organization ... this comes from Amazon, not your own pocket. Feel free to call us if you have any questions, and we hope you will think of us when you shop for your holiday gifts at Smile.Amazon.com!



WISH LIST

As a small non-profit on a strict budget, our office can always use the following items:

- Forever stamps
- 10 Cent Stamps
- Copy/printer paper
- 952XL Black Ink
- 952 Color Ink
- #10 Security Envelopes (clean seal strip)
- Office Max gift cards
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- VOLUNTEERS!!

If you would like to donate or VOLUNTEER, please call us at 713-772-8181

Senior Rides and More is a Winner of the Houston Metropolitan BBB Award of Excellence 2021!

Yes, Senior Rides and More has done it again for a second year in a row. This coveted award spotlights a commitment to excellence in the marketplace and is an honor not given to everyone. The BBB recognizes the winners as role models for their character, expertise, and commitment to quality and trust.



The Awards for Excellence is open to all accredited businesses and nonprofit organizations with the BBB of Metropolitan Houston. Applicants must provide written responses to ten to twelve questions on an entry form questionnaire. All applications are reviewed and receive a score from the Silver Fox Advisors judges, and not all applicants win an award.

Senior Rides and More is proud to be an organization that is recognized for making a difference in the lives of Houston's senior community.

Senior Rides and More is blessed to have amazing volunteers. Please join us in welcoming the newest members to our volunteer family:

Susan Fogarty

Elizabeth McLoughlin

Myra Schexnayder

Volunteer Spotlight,

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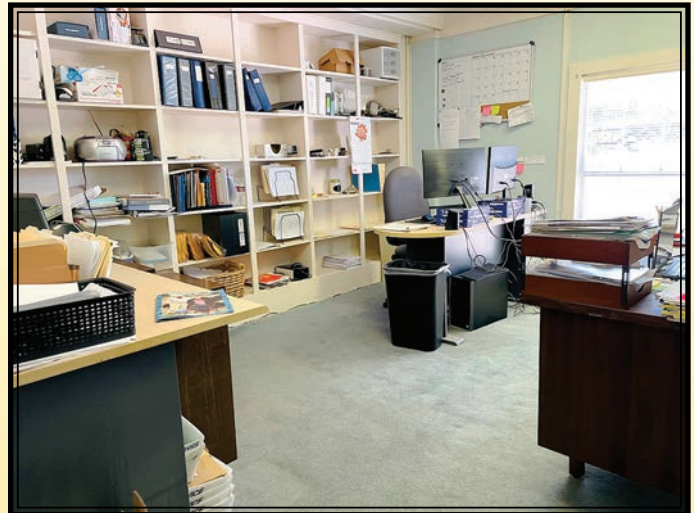
Willie Murray and Hildegard Warner

SMALL OFFICE – BIG RESULTS!

Most of you reading this newsletter have never visited our office nor met the Senior Rides and More staff in person. Those who use our services might believe that our office is a large space in a large building, or that we have a large staff with several telephone lines. The reality is that we are a small staff of 2 employees on any given day, and our office is a very cozy and comfortable 250 square feet. However, the Senior Rides and More staff assists hundreds of seniors in Houston and Fort Bend, take dozens of phone calls per day, and fulfills hundreds of requests each month. Good things DO come in small packages. But stay tuned – we have big plans that will help us grow in 2022!



Robert and Sherry Kelly



It's Easy to Become a Senior Rides Volunteer

Whether you prefer to volunteer on a regular basis or every couple of weeks, we welcome and need your participation. We have flexible scheduling and a variety of volunteer opportunities.

Volunteers are needed to provide:

- Transportation to/from medical appointments
- Transportation for Shopping Trips
- Minor Home Repairs
- Telephone Friendship/Reassurance Calls

Contact the Senior Rides office to Volunteer:

713-772-8181; Info@SeniorRidesandMore.org; www.SeniorRidesandMore.org

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Caregiver Statistics Jan 2021 – October 2021

Total Reported Volunteer Mileage – 31,150
Total Reported Volunteer Hours – 3,617
Total Reported Visits/Events – 3,332

Our Corporate and Community Angels

Bethany Christian Church

Harry S. and Isabel C. Cameron
Foundation

Chapelwood United Methodist Church

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