

Transportation: Where the Rubber Hits the Road

LATEST CENSUS DATA ON AGING

THE NATION

- 2020: First time in history that People Over 65 outnumber Children Under Five
- 2040: Seniors are 21.7% of the U.S. population
- Social Security constituted 90% or more of the income received by 35% of beneficiaries in 2013
- Volunteer Caregiving is now represented in nearly 1,000 programs throughout the U.S.

ELDER ORPHANS

- 2015 Census: 42.8 percent of older Americans are aging alone and lacking family or support that would take care of them.
- A majority of elder orphans are women. In the updated 2015 census, the percentage of older people living alone had doubled since the last count.

PHILANTHROPY

- Only 1% of total U.S. giving is directed to Aging/Seniors, according to the Foundation Center
- By contrast, 28 percent goes to projects for children and youth.

FAITH-BASED

- The National Congregations Study by Duke University tracks more than 300,000 congregations in the United States

NATIONAL SENIOR CARE CONTINUUM

FAITH IN ACTION

- Protestant
- Catholic
- Mormon
- Jehovah's Witness
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Native American



DONOR-FUNDED, NON PROFIT SENIOR SERVICES



500,000+ SENIORS SERVED 350,000 VOLUNTEERS
AVERAGE 18 PROGRAMS PER STATE

- Alliance of Information Referrals and Services
- Alzheimer's Association
- American Cancer Society
- Dementia Friendly America
- Feeding America
- United Way

RECOVERY & REHABILITATION

- National Association for Social Workers
- Visiting Nurses Association of America

ACUTE CARE

- National Hospice Association



COMMUNITY BASED CARE

- National Express (Para)Transit
- National Institute for Adult Day Care
- National Institute for Senior Centers
- National Urgent Care Center Accreditation

EDUCATION

- Interns
- Service Learning
- Youth Volunteers

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



FOUNDATIONS

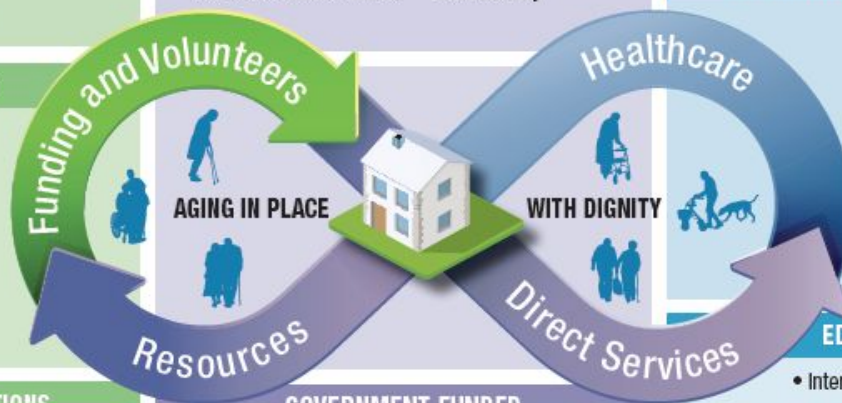
- Family Foundations
- Conversion Foundation
- Healthcare Foundations
- Private Foundations

CORPORATIONS



GOVERNMENT-FUNDED

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
- FEMA
- Independent Living Resource Centers
- N4A
- Ombudsman Long-Term Care Services
- RSVP



Driving Today's Discussion

- Jo Cooper: Equitable access is a key component of good health
- Hilda Zacarias: Securing 5310 funding
- Jason Swanson: Charitable mileage rate
- Robin Schlosser: Addressing the unique needs of rural communities



Equitable access to transportation

1 | Social/Economic Opportunities

Executive Order 13985 calls for consistent and systematic treatment for underserved populations

2 | Equity Defined

- public transport
- Intelligent, citizen-oriented mobility
- corporate mobility
- mobility of goods
- governance and regulation models

3 | Volunteer Caregiving

Central to the healthcare continuum

Compliments paratransit services

Contributes to sustaining a compassionate culture

Charitable Mileage Rate

1 | Situation

Increase the volunteer driver reimbursement rate from 14 cents to match the business mileage rate (currently 67 cents per mile)

2 | Must Pass Legislation

Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8) introduced the Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2023

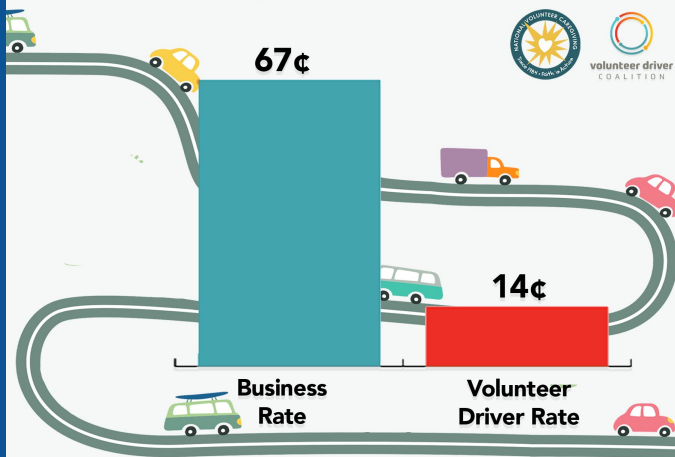
3 | How you can help!

- Contact your local representatives. Use the handout provided as a guide
- Spread the word on social media

Sample Social Media Posts

Organizations are facing increasing barriers to recruiting and retaining **volunteers**.

We're working to pass legislation that allows volunteers to claim mileage reimbursement as exempt from federal taxes from 14 cents per mile to **67 cents per mile!**



Learn more about becoming a volunteer driver.

Visit nvnetwork.org to find a program near you!

Volunteer drivers give older adults, people with disabilities, and others access to healthcare, delivered meals, and other key services.



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Securing 5310 funds

1 | Federal grant

To support enhanced mobility of senior citizens and people with disabilities

Apportioned to direct recipients in rural and urban areas

2 | Key metrics

“Traditional”/“Expanded (non-traditional)” projects

Complementary paratransit services or public transportation alternatives designed to assist older adults and people with disabilities

3 | Flexible use

- Mobility Management or Operational
- Volunteer Driver Programs
- Travel Training Programs
- Purchase of vehicles

Serving Rural Communities

1 | Addressing rural challenges

Volunteer or staff-driven

Meeting the needs of people on the outskirts of a large geographic footprint (1800 square miles)

2 | Funding operations

Diversify funding sources

- Federal
- State
- Local transit agency/government
- Private donors
- No fee for service!

3 | Inter-regional access

Covering the distance

Serving door-through-door

Serving door-to-door

Volunteer Driver Recruitment

1. **Training**

Ensuring volunteers are comfortable and serving appropriate situations

2. **Insurance**

Consider a supplemental volunteer driver policy

3. **Recognition**

Social media stories and gratitude; Increase the mileage rate!

Volunteer Drivers

Go the extra mile!

