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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Would you like to find a “cause” near your home, where you can contribute time and really help out? Are you a “people person” who enjoys interacting with others, especially individuals who will appreciate an interested listener? If so, you may be interested in a program offered by the Saint Louis County Department of Human Services’ County Older Resident Program (CORP). CORP’s **Neighbor Driving Neighbor** program matches volunteers with older adults living nearby and needing rides for medical appointments.

Having never learned to drive, or no longer able to do so, many older residents also are unable to access public or even senior transportation and are not able to afford taxis. Family members may live out of town, work full time or have serious health issues that impact their ability to help out when needed. Through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, CORP’s Neighbor Driving Neighbor program provides a vital link that enables seniors to stay healthy and remain living independently in the community. Volunteers use their own cars for rides that are scheduled at least 5 days in advance and are free of charge for the senior. The program offers volunteers flexibility for designating preferred days and hours, as well as geographic areas to which they will drive. Orientation, defensive driving training and mileage reimbursement, plus other educational and social activities also are available. CORP provides many opportunities for helping older adults, utilizing professional skills, plus assisting with administrative activities. **To learn more about the Neighbor Driving Neighbor program or other volunteer openings, please call CORP at (314)615-4516, or e-mail tlabovitz@stlouisco.com.**