



OUR MISSION

To assist senior adults with unmet needs. We seek to improve their quality of life by providing supportive services that promote their self-sufficiency.

First Initiative

Many older adults who can no longer drive or limit their driving don't have an affordable means of assisted transportation (door-to-door or door-through-door) to get to medical appointments, grocery shopping and other places.

As a solution to this need, we are proud to announce a new non-profit call center and ride program called Senior Ride Sumner.



Seniors who no longer drive make fewer trips to:

15%

the doctor

59%

shop or eat out

65%

visit friends and family

Nashville region ranked the **4th** worst in terms of percentage of seniors with poor access to public transportation.

THE NEED & SOLUTION

The Problem

With 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 every day, 22% of Tennesseans will be 65 and older by 2020, and the 85+ cohort is the fastest growing segment of the older population. Sumner County currently has an estimated 28,266 residents who are 65 years and older, those most likely to have multiple chronic health conditions and need transportation assistance. Some seniors limit or stop driving due to declining vision and other age-related changes. Some, lacking alternatives, continue driving, raising a public safety concern. Recent focus groups with older residents have shown that seniors use all types of rides available to them, but often encounter barriers such as price, eligibility requirements, technology, and lack of assistance.

The Plan

We are planning for a new, affordable volunteer-based ride service and call center in Hendersonville that will complement existing ride options and assist older adults in accessing transportation. The target population is senior adults age 60 and older living in Sumner County who no longer drive or limit their driving and can transfer safely in/out of a vehicle with limited assistance. Screened and trained volunteer drivers will use their personal vehicles to provide door-to-door or door-through-door rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies and other destinations. Limited service launches will begin in designated service areas with gradual expansion through the addition of service areas in Sumner County.

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