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**NHAHA Volunteer Driver Initiative Encourages Volunteers to Make a Difference**

(New Hampshire | July 12, 2022) The New Hampshire Alliance for Healthy Aging (NHAHA) is proud to announce our Volunteer Driver Initiative, a collaboration with non-profit Volunteer Driver Programs (VDPs) across New Hampshire, as part of an effort to ensure essential transportation options are available and accessible to enable NH residents of all ages. VDPs serve a critical role in providing transportation across NH communities. The Volunteer Driver Initiative will help VDPs recruit the volunteers that they need to serve their clients.

Volunteer Driver Programs (VDPs) help people maintain the health and independence of older people and individuals with disabilities by improving their access to essential services. VDPs often provide transportation to critical appointments, vaccine and booster access, or basic needs. Individuals accessing these services may not have family members, friends, or neighbors who are able to transport them as often as needed and therefore rely on volunteer drivers.

There are over twenty VDPs utilizing hundreds of volunteer drivers to help out thousands of New Hampshire's residents. Local VDPs are always looking for volunteer drivers, and with about 20% of the NH population being over 65, the demand for drivers is increasing. The NHAHA Volunteer Driver Initiative connects volunteers with their local volunteer driver program where they can begin making a difference in the lives of their neighbors.

When you volunteer with your local volunteer driver program, not only are you making a positive impact by helping your community neighbors get to their appointments and errands, you are also helping them stay independent within their community. Volunteering is an incredibly meaningful way to show support and appreciation for others and can make a significant difference in the lives of those in your community. The NHAHA Volunteer Driver Initiative strives to promote communities that support all of us as we age, and volunteering can help make this a reality in your own community. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer driver for their local volunteer driver program, visit [nhvdp.org](http://nhvdp.org) to learn more.

**About NHAHA**

The NH Alliance for Healthy Aging (NHAHA) is a statewide coalition of stakeholders focused on the health and well-being of older adults in New Hampshire. NHAHA works to promote its shared vision to create communities in New Hampshire that advance culture, policies and services which support older adults and their families. Visit [nhaha.info](http://nhaha.info) or [nhvdp.org](http://nhvdp.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn more.