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Lift Line expanding services to all Santa Cruz County seniors and persons with disabilities

Free transportation to grocery stores and essential medical appointments is available regardless of income level during shelter in place order

WATSONVILLE, CA – Lift Line, a program of Community Bridges, is now scheduling free essential transportation for all Santa Cruz County residents over age 60 or disabled, regardless of income, who are sheltering in place. This service will allow these vulnerable populations to maintain access to essential nutrition, medical supplies and medical appointments.

“By expanding our services to all seniors and disabled residents we are meeting the urgent needs of our community members, while supporting the shelter in place order,” states Kirk Ance, Lift Line Program Director. “Lift Line is removing any barriers that would prevent seniors and disabled persons from getting access to essential services during this challenging time,” states Raymon Cancino, CEO of Community Bridges. Lift Line will provide no cost rides to grocery stores, pharmacies and necessary medical appointments without requiring an application prior to scheduling services during this order.

Lift Line’s essential transportation services will end when the County of Santa Cruz shelter in place order expires and regular service requirements resume. Additionally, to protect all riders, Lift Line reserves the right to refuse service to individuals showing any signs of being sick. Participants maybe requested to wear masks and may experience delays in service as to allow us to apply social distancing in our operations.

Seniors over 60 and person with disabilities can follow the process below for obtaining and scheduling essential transportation:

- Call Lift Line to schedule an essential ride at 831-688-9663, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If possible, please call one or two days in advance. Lift Line will respond to same day scheduling according to availability.
- Transportation times will be scheduled according to availability between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. 7 days a week.
- Scheduled rides have a grace period of 10 minutes before the scheduled pickup time and 20 minutes after.

As Lift Line expands services to meet the urgent transportation needs of the most vulnerable members of our community, please consider donating to keep Lift Line moving.

www.communitybridges.org/donate.

ABOUT LIFT LINE

Lift Line, a program of Community Bridges, provides over 60,000 door-to-door rides a year to seniors and people with disabilities, allowing these Santa Cruz County residents to maintain their independence. Lift Line services include medical transportation and rides to Meals on Wheels dining sites and Elderday. Lift Line services are also available for private events.

ABOUT COMMUNITY BRIDGES

Community Bridges envisions a thriving community where every person has the opportunity to unleash their full potential. Together, our family of programs delivers essential services, provides equitable access to resources, and advocates for health and dignity across every stage of life. To learn more, please visit www.communitybridges.org.

The Community Bridges family of programs includes the Child & Adult Care Food Program, Child Development Division, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), La Manzanita Community Resources, Live Oak Community Resources, Mountain Community Resources, Nueva Vista Community Resources, Elderday Adult Day Health Care, Lift Line and Meals on Wheels for Santa Cruz County.