



Seminar for Savvy Seniors & Their Families

December 1, 2018

Background

- In late 2017, a small group of residents got together to discuss aging in place issues in Great Falls
 - Transportation to medical & dental appointments
 - Friendly visits
 - Simple home maintenance
- We conducted a survey with the help of GFCA and GFSC to determine the need for these services
- Survey results:
 - 350+ respondents
 - 74 were interested in becoming clients
 - 63 were interested in volunteering as drivers
 - Another 72 were willing to consider volunteering

Our Progress

- The Shepherd's Center of Great Falls (SCGF) was incorporated as a 501(c)3, all-volunteer organization in May 2018
- We are affiliated with Shepherd's Centers of America, a national organization
- We have raised initial operating funds
- Developed our operating processes and systems
- Launched a website, phone number, virtual office
- Started recruiting volunteers and riders in October
- Our goal is to launch our service in December 2018



SCGF Focus

- Transportation
- Friendly visits
- Handy Helpers
- Collaborate with other civic organizations (like GFSC) on education and social activities

SCGF Founding Board

- Phil Pifer, President
- Bill Rachal, Treasurer
- Carol Edelstein, Secretary
- Jack Edelstein
- Tom Eversole
- (Joy Trickett)

No paid staff, 100% volunteer
Low cost operation; virtual office, no physical space

How our transportation service works

For clients (non-driving seniors)

- register as a potential client
- call in your need for a ride or make a request online
- your ride request is viewed by screened volunteers, one of whom volunteers to drive you
- there is no cost or charge to you the client for the ride, unless there is a parking fee at your destination
- rides can be one-way or round-trip

For volunteers (drivers)

- register as a potential volunteer driver, which includes screening and a background check
- once accepted, you receive training
- you view ride requests at your convenience, online, anytime
- you only accept a ride if it is convenient for you
- there is no requirement to accept a certain number of rides
- we carry supplemental insurance in addition to your normal insurance policy
- miles driven are a charitable deduction on your federal tax returns

What's next?

- Get the word out about SCGF
 - Neighbors
 - Congregations
 - Civic organizations
- Volunteer as a driver, handy helper or friendly visitor
- Contact SCGF if you need our services

www.thescgf.org

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