



Drive a Senior

Northwest

Reverend Josh Robinson  
Hope Presbyterian Church

Dear Reverend Robinson,

Thank you so much for Hope's continued support over the years, both with funding and volunteer support for Drive a Senior Northwest – A Faith in Action program. On behalf of the over 500 senior neighbors that our volunteers provide services for, we are very grateful for the generosity of your congregation in sharing your gifts with our program.

Drive a Senior Northwest is currently providing over 750 rides and services each month to help seniors in Northwest Austin, Cedar Park and Leander get to their doctor appointments, cancer treatments, grocery shopping outings, and many other destinations, as well as helping with minor home repairs and maintenance jobs - allowing them to live independently in their own homes longer. With the rapid growth of the senior population in our area and the increase in need for our services, we are at a crossroads at the end of this year – between providing these services for free to all who need them, without a waiting list or limits on services, and having to limit the number of clients we can take each month and only provide some of the rides and services that our senior neighbors have come to depend on each day.

Our funding comes from many sources –donations from surrounding community groups, individuals we serve and their families, local businesses, supporting congregations, and small fundraisers throughout the year, etc. Our supporting congregations are a large part of our support network and we thank you for what you already contribute! We are reaching out to the churches in our service area to please remember us if you offer a Thanksgiving or Christmas Eve collection or any end of year community giving opportunities to your church members, and consider including Drive a Senior Northwest as a recipient of a portion of those funds. Many of our seniors we serve attend the congregations that partner with us and are beneficiaries of our services, as are the un-churched senior neighbors living around all our congregational partners.

We will continue to be good stewards of the funds we receive and diligent about keeping our expenses as low as possible, but a rapid increase in service requests and services provided results an increase in our expenses, and those are difficult to plan for each year. For 29 years, Drive a Senior Northwest has benefited the community as a whole by providing basic transportation and support services to our senior neighbors and an extensive information referral service and medical equipment loan closet available to anyone in the community. I have enclosed some basic info about our mission, successes, goals for this year, etc. but if you have any questions about Drive a Senior Northwest please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your time, your prayers, your consideration, and your support of Drive a Senior Northwest's mission in our local community.

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