



# V I S T O N

## Volunteers In Service To Our Neighbors

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It is that time of year when I like to give a synopsis of what VISTON represents within our community as a reminder for our seasoned residents and to welcome our newest residents in the hopes of obtaining additional volunteers for this wonderful service as well as for those in need.

VISTON stands for Volunteers in Service To Our Neighbors. It is not an organization, club, or group. VISTON encompasses all residents who are our neighbors assisting other neighbors in the LVW community. We offer services for light grocery shopping, drivers for medical appointments and bloodwork (within a 10-mile radius of LVW). Our Office volunteers answer calls, record the request, and arrange for a volunteer driver.

Residents who use our services must make their own appointments with their provider no earlier than 9 a.m. and no later than 3 p.m. Once an appointment is made, the resident then calls the VISTON office to arrange for a driver. This **MUST** be done no later than 7 days prior to your appointment. When phoning the VISTON office for a driver's appointment, the resident must have the appointment date and time, service provider's name, address, and telephone number ready to give to the office volunteer. It is appreciated if all the information is available and accurate when calling. Cancellation or rescheduling of an appointment must be told to the VISTON office staff in courtesy to our Volunteer driver's time and schedule.

Residents requesting a ride must be ambulatory and able to get in and out of a vehicle. Residents who have difficulty with a SUV or van, please tell the office staff member when making your appointment. No wheelchairs or oxygen equipment can be taken along. Please be considerate of our drivers who are Residential Volunteers of LVW. Drivers, shoppers, and office staff volunteers are valuable assets to our community and the rewards of assisting other LVW residents are multiplied two-fold! Let your heart be guided to become a volunteer.

We are still in need of drivers and office workers to continue our services of assisting our friends and neighbors in the LVW Community to medical appointments and blood tests.

If anyone has any questions or has "free time" with a desire to help our fellow residents, please call the office so we can chat about what your desires are and what our needs are. Any and all help is always appreciated.

Call (732-657-1818) or visit the VISTON office. The office is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We are located at 3 Buckingham Drive in between the hair salon and the LVW deli.

**VISTON WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**