

# **Transportation Volunteer**

### What is the SOS Transportation program?

 A Volunteer, using their own vehicle, transports a senior to a routine medical appointment or to a quality of life drive, then returns them to their home

#### What is a "routine medical" drive?

- A routine medical appointment is typically a medical check-up, eye appt., dental appt., or specialist appt.
- $\circ$  A Volunteer will pick client up, stay the duration, and return client home  $\square$
- O What is a "quality-of-life" drive?
- A quality-of-life drive could be taking a senior to the grocery store, pharmacy, bank, beauty salon/barber shop, etc., or doing their grocery shopping or picking up a grocery order

### How long does a typical drive last?

 Drives are typically 2 - 3 hours and cover the northeast Tarrant county region, including the downtown Ft. Worth Hospital District and the north Arlington Hospital District

### How many times per month will I be expected to drive?

• It's up to you, you can drive as often as you like  $\circ$  If you have 3 hours per month to share, you can be a volunteer driver

# **Helping Hands Volunteer**

### · What is the SOS Helping Hands program?

Assisting seniors with minor home repairs and seasonal lawn care

# What type of services are provided?

- Home Safety Inspections (S4S) annual home inspections
- Minor Home Repairs minor interior/exterior carpentry, electrical and plumbing repairs
- Adopt-A-Lawn mow a lawn through the growing season
- Certified Tech professional partners for projects beyond volunteer capacity
- Group Service Days church, student or company groups perform seasonal and cleanup or minor exterior work (painting)

#### Who can do it?

- Home repairs: Individuals or groups with handy man skills
- Lawn care: individuals, families, small church groups, companies, anyone who can walk behind a lawn mower; mower can be provided

### What if repairs are beyond our capability?

• Serving Our Seniors can engage a professional partner to make repairs based on available funding

### How often am I expected to volunteer?

• Home repairs: It's up to you; you can select a project based on your skill set and availability  $\circ$  Adopt-a-lawn; every other week or as dictated by grass growth

### Social Outreach Volunteer

### What is SOS Social Outreach program?

Outreach efforts to alleviate senior isolation

### What type of services are provided?

- Visiting/Phone Friends A Volunteer shares quality time with a senior, visiting, going to lunch, calling, or other activity, if they choose, once or twice a month
- Senior Socials A social event is held once a month with a theme, games, with lunch provided. You can help with planning, hosting, or driving seniors to the event
- <u>Connecting Hearts</u> Groups of 10 or more make cards and write notes monthly to isolated seniors.
- Holiday Outreach Groups and/or individuals donate and deliver food baskets and/or gifts for our senior clients who otherwise might not experience the spirit of the season

#### Who can do it?

 Individuals, families, church groups, etc. with a caring heart and willingness to share quality time

## How often am I expected to volunteer?

 3 hours a month is a rule of thumb, but you can volunteer as much as you like and as your schedule allows