How to Become a Parkside Village Volunteer

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Parkside Village. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to provide services that include the following kinds of assistance to Village members:

- Transportation to doctor visits, shopping, etc.
- Occasional light chores
- Occasional errands
- Phone calls and scheduled "check-in" visits
- Help with grocery shopping and meal preparation
- Simple tech help
- Other services as members' needs arise

These services may seem like little things, but to a resident who needs your help, the little things you do can mean a lot. When you become a volunteer, you will be providing services that are worthwhile and rewarding for our community and for yourself as well.

Taking the First Step

Contact the Village volunteer coordinator by phone (202-770-8852) or email (volunteers@ParksideVillageMD.org) to discuss your interest in volunteering. You can decide whether to volunteer to provide rides for members or whether you prefer to help with non-driving activities only. As a volunteer, you will receive training to help you feel more confident as you provide services.

What Happens Next?

- If you choose to provide services that involve driving members to appointments or other activities, your training will be provided by a specialist at the Jewish Council for Aging (JCA) in nearby Rockville. (They provided help to us in setting up our system for scheduling and assigning volunteers.). As a driver volunteer, you will be helped to obtain both criminal and driving background checks.

- If you prefer to provide only assistance that does not involve driving members, your training will be provided by experienced Parkside Village volunteers. You will need to apply for a criminal background check only.

Want more information about volunteering? Call 202-770-8852 or email volunteers@ParksideVillageMD.org to discuss with a member of the Volunteer Committee. You may also request a copy of the complete training manual. Thank you for considering becoming a volunteer.

Want more information about Parkside Village goals and activities? Check out our website: www.ParksideVillageMD.org

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