

# Community Van

Driven by the community, for the community!



## April Highlights!

### New Team Members! – Program Manager & Mobility Specialist!

The Mobility Team has gained two new members for the Community Van Team! Please welcome our new Program Manager, Mackenzie Kneeland, and our new Mobility Specialist, Natalie Sharp.

- Natalie recently graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Public Policy and Applied Journalism. She brings experience in community engagement, having volunteered with a resource-based nonprofit doing street outreach in Corvallis, Oregon.
- Mackenzie is a current member of the Hopelink community, previously serving as Program Manager of the Employment program. She is enthusiastic about the Community Van program and learning transportation options and looks forward to growing partnerships and serving our community.

We are so excited to have them join our team. You will be hearing more from them soon!

### Client Story – Shoreline.

Even a small trip can make a big difference for community members! Thanks to our volunteer drivers, we recently were able to make a fun social outing happen for a resident of Shoreline and her wheelchair-bound mom. They were able to go out to lunch together. They are so thrilled to use Community Van to get outside and stay active in the community!

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR PROGRAM:

- No eligibility requirements.
- 2 riders required to schedule a trip.
- 6 and 12 passenger vans available.
- Accessibility accommodations available.
- Pay with Transit GO mobile tickets, any monthly ORCA card, or Human Services Bus Tickets.
- Standard Metro fare: \$2.75
- Reduced fare: \$1.00
- FREE rides for all youth up to age 18!
- Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our general information.



## News and Resources

### Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and National Volunteer Week is observed from April 27th to May 3rd. We really appreciate our Community Van volunteer drivers and all that they do for our team and for their communities. Thank you for volunteering your time to be part of the Community Van program! We could not do it without you. Please be on the lookout for information about a Volunteer Appreciation Party in the next couple of months!

### Call for Volunteer Drivers – Tukwila Expansion.

Community Van launched in Tukwila in January! Please reach out if you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver. We will always welcome new volunteers in our other jurisdictions, too, including Redmond, Shoreline/Lake Forest Park, Sammamish, and Snoqualmie Valley. Volunteering as a driver with Community Van is flexible. We work with your schedule, so you can volunteer as little or as much as you'd like! Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

### North Bend – Community Van Video!

A huge thank you to the Mayor of North Bend, Mary Miller, and the North Bend Downtown Foundation for getting together to try out one of our Snoqualmie Valley Community Vans. They put together a great video explaining [how the program works](#) and showing us their journey. Check out their [video](#) here!

### Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition

Are you interested in learning more about the transportation services available in the Snoqualmie Valley? The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition would be pleased to present an informational session to your organization. Contact Lyn McCarthy for more information: [emccarthy@hopelink.org](mailto:emccarthy@hopelink.org)

### Hopelink Mobile Market in your neighborhood.

The Mobile Market continues to distribute food to targeted areas throughout East King County. The food is free of charge and no appointment is necessary. The Mobile Market distributes rain or shine with a covered awning to keep you dry when necessary. Find more information and Mobile Market calendars [here](#).

**BE A LOCAL HERO, BECOME A VOLUNTEER DRIVER!**

- Support your community members by helping them get where they need to go.
- Shared rides reduce traffic and lessens environmental impacts.
- Metro pays for the gas, insurance, and maintenance.
- Get where you need to go while helping others.
- For more information visit our [website](#).



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