

Community Van

Driven by the community, for the community!



November Highlights!

Introducing New Community Van Program Manager!

Hi! My name is Teresa Ngo and I am the new Volunteer Transportation Program Manager at Hopelink! As some of you may know, Victor Londono transitioned to a new position here at Hopelink and I am transitioning into his role. I now run the Community Van program in Shoreline-Lake Forest Park and Duvall-Carnation areas. The hope is to later expand our programs into other cities that could use them!

I'm passionate about serving the needs of vulnerable populations. Prior to coming to Hopelink, I developed and managed COVID-19 programs in Snohomish County, working to serve the needs of the community and advocating for populations who had less access to services. I have a background in volunteering with lower-income and marginalized communities, both domestically and internationally.

I'd love to connect and chat about our programs or to just get to know you as an individual so feel free to reach out anytime! Call (425) 625-6852 or email me communityvan@hopelink.org.

Rider Stories

Thanks to our volunteer drivers, we've been able to deliver food to dozens of families throughout the county! Many families can find it difficult to access food services or find transportation to and from food markets. Our amazing volunteers have not only transported families to and from the local food markets but have also delivered boxes of food to families. Thank you volunteers!

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
- FREE rides for all youth up to age 18!
- Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our general information.



Regional News and Resources

Black History Month

February is dedicated as Black History Month, honoring the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. In recognition of Black History Month, Shoreline Community College (Shoreline) is pleased to invite the community to a free screening of the award-winning documentary film "Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts" directed by Dru Holley on February 16. The event is open to the public.

Find out what's happening during Black History Month at [Seattlemet](#).

Ride United Transportation Access increases rides to six per calendar year

Ride United is a program to support United Ways and 211s in reducing transportation barriers for people in need by offering on-demand Lyft rides. They are increasing the ride limit of their transportation program from 2 lifetime rides to 6 total rides in the year 2023.

Assuming a person's situation meets all other eligibility, a client who has received rides in the past is now eligible for 6 rides this year. All other eligibility remains the same (including the \$22 fare estimate to destination).

To learn more please visit [Crisis Connections](#) or call 211.

Hopelink's Mobile Market is up and running!

The Mobile Market distributes food to targeted areas with food insecurity throughout East King County. It distributes prepacked boxes of assorted fresh locally grown produce, which contain seasonal fruits and vegetables. It also distributes prepacked boxes of shelf stable foods such as peanut butter, pastas, soups, beans, rice and canned fruits and vegetables. When available we will have fresh dairy and frozen meats as well. All of this food is free! There is no need for an appointment. Check it out at [Hopelink Mobile Market](#).

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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