

# Community Van

Driven by the community, for the community!



## February Highlights!

### Welcome Erin Funk – Eastside Mobility Coordinator.

Hopelink's Mobility Team is happy to welcome Erin Funk to our team! She is our new Eastside Mobility Coordinator. Erin's background is in public health and emergency management. She says: "I have family members who rely on public transportation, so mobility is near and dear to my heart." We are excited to have her as part of the Mobility Team!

### Community Van Promotion!

Our Mobility Specialist, Nicole Porcello, has been promoted to the Mobility Coordinator position! Nicole has proven to be a valuable part of the Hopelink Mobility team and Community Van by taking on new projects, supporting the team, and being a caring and communicative liaison between our drivers, riders, and staff. We've enjoyed having Nicole on the team and are excited for her to continue into a well-deserved new role. Our Volunteer Transportation Mobility Coordinator Andres Diaz's last day with us was January 31st. We were grateful for the opportunity to work with him. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

### Client Story – Fall City to Seattle Art Museum:

We recently had a group of seniors travel from Fall City to the Seattle Art Museum. This was their first experience with Community Van. The group was so excited about the service that one of the riders wanted to become a volunteer, too. We so appreciate our amazing volunteers for making this trip happen!

### 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

### Adverse Weather – Snow and Ice!

It is that time of year again—winter weather can make for dangerous road conditions! Community Van trips will prioritize driver and rider safety during winter weather. We will cancel or reschedule trips as necessary due to road conditions. If you are a rider or driver with us, please look out for communications from us about any upcoming rides.

### Call for Volunteer Drivers – Tukwila Expansion.

Community Van launched in Tukwila in January! We are not accepting ride requests in that jurisdiction just yet, as we are searching for volunteers in the Tukwila area. 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, Duvall/Carnation, 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.

### Community Van Trips.

You can use Community Van for all kinds of trips—from medical appointments to grocery store runs and fun outings. We can take groups of people for \$2.75 or less per rider! One-way or round trip — the cost is the same.

### Hopelink Tax Clinics.

It's that time again—tax season is here! In order to help community members who might need a bit of assistance navigating their taxes, Hopelink is hosting free, in-person tax preparation services at our various center sites! You can visit a tax clinic at our Bellevue, Redmond, and Shoreline locations. All sites are first-come, first-served, with no appointment necessary. Find more information [here](#).

### 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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