



Hop Scott Volunteer Driver Program

How did we come up with the concept of Hop Scott

- Discovery of needs in rural areas in 2018-2019 using “needs groups” in geographic areas- engaging community leaders, non-profits, users of transportation resources
- Message was similar for rural areas- NO OPTIONS or FEW OPTIONS
- What kind of Service will fulfill need?
- Volunteer service after COVID has changed
- Concept of wheelchair ramp minivans driven by volunteers
- Discovered Live Well at Home Grant - funded 50/50 by MN Human Services
- Applied for grant for wheelchair ramp mini vans in rural areas driven by volunteer drivers in April/2020.
- Volunteer Van program/Hop Scott- (picture below)
- Volunteer driver recruitment - vetted and trained by staff. 12 available in 2023
- Scott County using Transportation Tax dollars to fund
- Carver County looking at options to copy
- 3 County owned vans, insured and maintained by County
- Program began in January of 2022

Volunteer drivers often bring patients to medical appoints and this much more personal means of transportation is less stressful than a bus for those needing transportation help. In addition, food shelf deliveries throughout the County have increased significantly this past year with volunteer drivers delivering food to families and individuals that otherwise would not be able to get to a food shelf for assistance.

Hop Scott Updates for 2022-2023

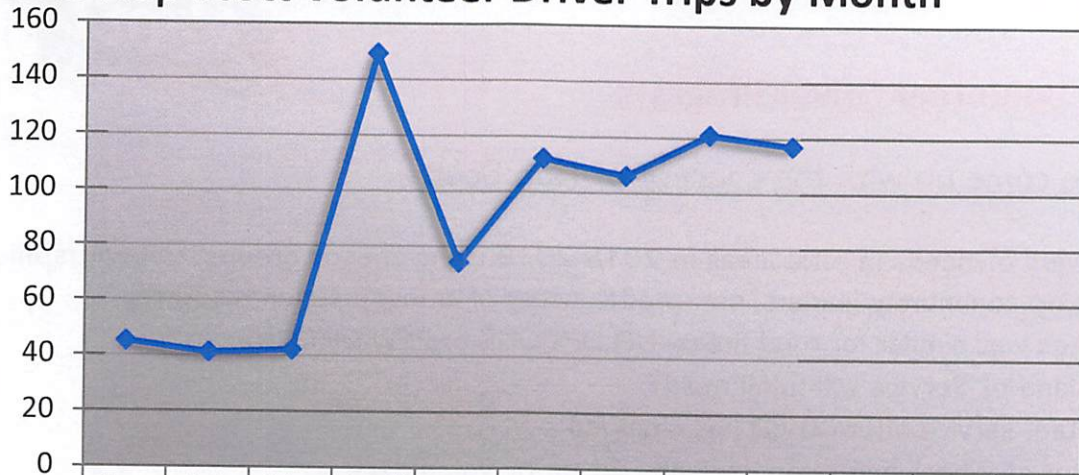
606 Trips performed in 2022- This is FANTASTIC

807 Trips so far in 2023 through October

Anchor Center (mental Health Center in Scott County), Belle Plaine Food Shelf, Elko/New Market food, New Prague Food Shelf, Jordan Food Shelf distributions- biggest impacts

Quote from Betsy-manager at BP food shelf “A couple of days ago I was looking through some old papers and saw an early Hop Scott list....about a month after we started. Three people were on it. Last night we did 13 people. Yay! One year later our numbers are up! I had a client almost in tears when I told her that we would bring her food. She has no transportation, no money, and no food. Our senior living apartments have a steady stream of repeat customers, so we are needed and appreciated there. PLUS, we have the most wonderful delivery drivers. We are so grateful for Hop Scott and the opportunities we can offer our clients!”

2023 Hop Scott Volunteer Driver Trips by Month



	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Performed Trips	45	41	42	149	74	112	106	121	117			

2023 Goals

- Recruit 10 new volunteers- 5 so far in 2023
- Partner with Hispanic Community for use of van
- Offer van to families of loved ones for wheelchair access- making video
- Vets helping Vets - Vets volunteer to drive vets to appointments
- Shakopee Meals on wheels- started
- New Prague Food Shelf- started
- Arboretum Food distribution - Shakopee began in July
- Jordan Food Shelf/Family Resource Center-started Aug



Volunteer Driver for Hop Scott Kevin with his regular riders Sharon and Lori arriving at the Anchor Center at the Scott County Government Center. There are 6 trips to and from the Anchor Center each week using volunteer drivers bringing individuals that cannot drive to this Adult Mental Health Community Center.

List of Supporters for the Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2023

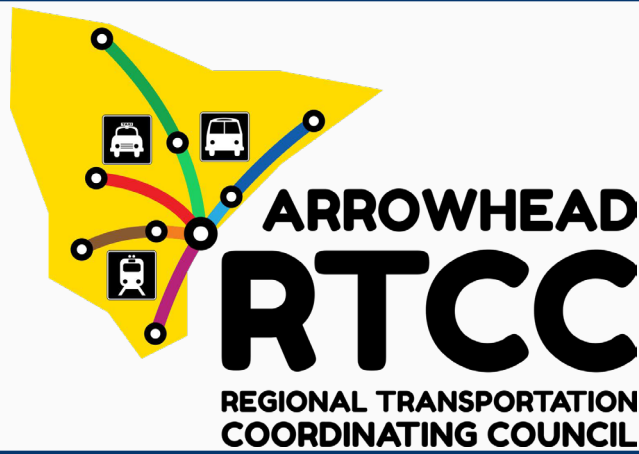
National Supporters

American Red Cross	Association of America	Meals on Wheels America	National Council of Nonprofits	USAgings
Association of Fundraising Professionals	Girl Scouts of the USA	Mental Health America	The National Alliance for Volunteer Engagement	Volunteer Engagement (ALIVE)
Community Transportation	Galaxy Digital	National Association of Towns and Townships		YMCA of the USA
	Independent Sector			

Regional Supporters

Age Well Arrowhead	Community Partners	Koochiching Aging Options	New York Council of Nonprofits	Stephen Living at Home/Block Nurse Program
Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits + Arizona Grantmakers Forum	Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance	Living at Home Network	Nonprofit Association of the Midlands	The Foraker Group
Anoka County Community Action Program	Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging	Living at Home of the Park Rapids Area	Nonprofit Association of Washington	The Kansas Nonprofit Chamber
Anoka County RSVP	Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement	Maine Association of Nonprofits	North Carolina Center for Nonprofits	The Nonprofit Association of Oregon
Anoka County Transit	East Central Regional Transportation Coordinating Council	Maryland Nonprofits	North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations	Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.
Apra Maryland	East Side Elders	Michigan Nonprofit Association	North End-South Como Block Nurse Program	Together SC
Arc Northland	ElderCircle	Mid-Minnesota Development Commission	North Shore Area Partners	Trellis
Argyle Hope Program	Faith in Action for Cass County	Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement	Northwest Regional Development Commission	Tri-County Action Program, Inc.
Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging	Florida Nonprofit Alliance	Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging	Paynesville ROSE Center	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission	Forefront	Minnesota Association of Townships	Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations	United Community Action Partnership
Arrowhead Transit	GAPP Services Inc.	Minnesota Community Action Partnership	PHASE-Industries	United Way of Steele County
Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)	GoDakota	Minnesota Council of Nonprofits	Prairie Five C.A.C., Inc.	Utah Nonprofits Association
Assumption Community Faith in Action	GoWashington	Minnesota Council on Transportation Access	Productive Alternatives Volunteer Driver Program	VINE Faith in Action
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources	Minnesota Council on Transportation Access	Providers' Council	Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc.
Brown County Heartland Express	Hastings Family Service	Minnesota Public Transit Association	Rainbow Rider	Warren S.O.S.
California Association of Nonprofits	Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations	Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging	Roseville Area Senior Program	Waseca Area Caregiver Services
CARE-Community Action Respecting Elders	Help At Your Door	Minnesota Social Service Association	Semcac	WeCAB
Care Partners of Cook County	Highland Block Nurse Program	Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy	Senior Access (TX)	West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc.
Catholic Charities of the St. Cloud Diocese	Horizon Health	Montana Nonprofit Association	Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County	West Virginia Nonprofit Association
Center for Victims of Torture	Idaho Nonprofit Center	Neighborhood Network for Seniors	Southeast Seniors	Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network
Central Community Transit	Iowa Nonprofit Alliance	NetworkPeninsula	Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging	Wyoming Nonprofit Network
Central Minnesota Council on Aging	Isanti County Health and Human Services	New Jersey Center for Nonprofits	Southwest Regional Transportation Coordinating Council	
Colorado Nonprofit Association	Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis	New Mexico Thrives	St. Anthony Park Area Seniors	
	Kentucky Nonprofit Network			
	Keystone Community Services			

Find updates at volunteerdrivermn.org



About Arrowhead

RTCC

The Arrowhead Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (Arrowhead RTCC) was created in 2017 with a mission to improve access, availability, and options for transportation services in northeastern Minnesota through improved communication, coordination, and collaboration.

Our vision is focused on achieving a more coordinated system across transportation modes through enhanced information, communication, and service organization.

Arrowhead RTCC is not a transportation provider.

Objectives & Outcomes

As a council of transportation stakeholders, we work to:

- Increase efficiencies that may be achieved through more grouping of individuals traveling to the same destination or reduced duplication of services and/or vehicles.
- Identify unmet personal mobility needs and facilitate the development of services responsive to those needs.
- Advocate for high quality transportation services which are safe, efficient, effective, reliable, and responsive to consumer needs.
- Enhanced access to social and health services, education, and employment using improved use of resources.
- Coordination and collaboration can provide transportation in ways that contribute to livable communities and a vital economy.
- Increase available transportation services within the region.

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