

St. Raphael Parish HopeMobile

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ST. RAPHAEL PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

HOPEMOBILE GUIDELINES:

The van will be used for LOCAL TRANSPORTATION. Our boundaries for medical transportation are the border of Suffolk County to the east; Merrick Road to the south; Rockville Centre to the west; L.I.J., North Shore and Glen Cove to the north. An effort will be made to arrange private transportation outside of these boundaries. Regularly scheduled trips to Mass, shopping, etc. will be planned, if possible. Care will be taken in scheduling to insure the availability of the van to meet the diverse needs of the community. MEDICAL VISITS WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE.

Requests will be filled on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis, so it is best that Parish Social Ministry (PSM) be notified of a need as soon as possible. At least ONE WEEK'S notice is suggested

Ridership may be declined at the discretion of the driver: for example, weather conditions, frail health of passenger, mechanical problems, etc.

PASSENGERS:

A person is eligible for transportation if they live within the geographical boundaries of the parish, or if they are registered members of the Parish, and they demonstrate a need. PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED persons will have priority.

A PSM Core volunteer will interview and assess all new requests for van transportation and a record will be on file in the PSM office.

The passenger must be able to get to and from the van without assistance. If the passenger is using a wheelchair, the driver is ONLY responsible to operate the lift and secure the wheelchair in the van. A companion to accompany the passenger may be necessary to assist.

The passengers MUST wear seat belts at all times.

The passengers must remain seated and in their seat belts until the van comes to a complete stop. Only drivers and assistants ride in front seats.

There is to be NO SMOKING and NO EATING in the van.

HOPEMOBILE DRIVERS:

Must have a valid New York State driver's license, and have the permission of PSM to drive the Hopemobile.

Two volunteers will be assigned to the van (driver and assistant).

Schedule of drivers will be prepared by the month. If volunteers are unable to keep an assignment, it is requested that they contact PSM office (308-3808) as soon as they become aware of this conflict. If an emergency arises over the weekend or after hours, they are to contact the rectory (785-0236) and the receptionist will contact PSM staff.

Training will be provided for the volunteers in the use of the van.

Drivers will NOT provide hands on assistance to passengers.