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## Community Cars

Affordable transportation for any need for individuals over 60



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Pam Viney uses Community Cars to get to and from dance lessons.

### Award-winning EZ Ride Community Cars

The Community Cars program offers senior citizens personalized, curb-to-curb transportation for needs not currently filled by other transportation programs.

Recognized with an award for excellence by the Beverly Foundation in 2010, it is a membership-based transportation program that uses certified volunteers to drive EZ Ride-marked cars Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Seniors and caregivers can sign up

- Individuals must set up a transportation account in advance and pay a \$15 annual membership.
- Fares are deducted from your personal transportation account. There is no exchange of cash with the drivers.
- Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance.
- There is a 50% discount for shared rides. Care-givers may ride for free if their pick-up and drop-off points are the same as the rider's.

### Here's what you pay

Once a \$15 annual membership fee is paid, fares are charged as follows:

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Please contact our program coordinators to find out if the service is available in your town.

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### Additional guidelines

- You must be on time for your ride. Your ride may arrive five minutes before or after your appointed time. Drivers are not permitted to wait past your appointed pickup time because they may have other passengers waiting.
- Riders should be able to meet the driver at the car. Small assistive devices, such as a walker, can be accommodated.
- Medical appointments should be made early enough for return trips to be completed by 4 p.m.
- Additional stops are considered an extra trip and must be scheduled in advance.
- Cancellations unrelated to weather must be made 24 hours prior to the scheduled ride or there will be a \$2 fee.

“ My husband no longer drives so I had to rely on others to visit my son in Montclair. I would have to pay \$60 for a round trip. Now I rely on Community Cars and only pay a fraction of that. ”



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## Carpool Connection

Like Social Networking on Wheels

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In addition to Carpools, we manage the state's largest program of Shuttles and Vanpools for the corporate community, area colleges, universities and municipalities.

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Carpooling brings riders together and saves money

## Carpools save *everything*: gas, tolls, even the planet!

Did you know that most carpoolers save more than \$1,500 a year on gas, tolls, insurance and wear-and-tear on your car?

And people who carpool are more likely to enjoy their ride. Carpooling is social and brings riders together. It's like social media – on wheels and in person. By leaving their cars at home, carpool riders help reduce traffic, improve air quality and give the planet a break.

## Dude, where's my carpool?

What happens when a carpool member has to stay late or has an emergency? EZ Ride's got your back with the innovative "Emergency Ride Home" program. This guarantees registered riders up to three rides home per year for any emergency.

## Sign up now and get moving.

Complete an application. Mail or fax it to:  
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Or complete and submit the application on the EZ Ride website, [www.ezride.org](http://www.ezride.org).

EZ Ride will enter your information in our statewide database. Others may seek you out to join their carpool. Likewise, you can start your own carpool and reach out to them.

## Be cool. Carpool.

On the other hand, why wait for the phone to ring? Start your own carpool with your fellow students or co-workers. Use bulletin boards or online message boards to make it easy. Once you have two or three other riders, follow these easy steps:

- Meet in person, by phone or email to discuss your commuting schedules;
- Consider a trial basis, even one or two days a week;
- Set ground rules. Who drives? How much do you each contribute?
- Compile contact information and keep each other informed. Make a back-up plan in case something happens.
- And remember to check with your insurance carrier for discounts.

If you need more riders, help is just a phone call away. Meadowlink can match you with its database of more than 20,000 commuters interested in sharing a ride. Maximize your carpool's potential – and your savings.

## Why wouldn't you carpool?

With all it has going for it, why wouldn't you carpool? Where else can you have fun with like-minded friends, save on everything and be socially responsible at the same time? Talk to your friends and start your own carpool today.

“Carpooling is awesome. Signing up was simple and now I save money every day, just by riding to school with my friends.”



Sadia Osman  
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Susan Hadow relies on the Flex-T Program to get to and from work.

## What is Flex-T Mobility Partner?

Flex-T Mobility Partner is a reliable and affordable means of transportation to work for people with reduced mobility.

Your Flex-T Mobility Partner links you with volunteer drivers and provides EZ-Ride-marked vehicles, ensuring that you have a safe and dependable way to commute.

Rides are provided Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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## How to register?

Registration Forms are available on the web at [www.ezride.org](http://www.ezride.org) (Special Needs Transportation)

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“ Now I can be more independent and don't have to impose on family members to get me to work every day. The Flex-T Mobility Partner is very helpful, convenient and affordable.”



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“ I love using the Flex-T program. My ride always comes on time. I also like that I can make new friends on my way home from work.”



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Drive our cars and help others!



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Ralph Valente spends his day off each week driving as a volunteer.

### With our cars and your driving, you can make a difference

Let's face it, you've been lucky in life. Not everyone has been.

All around us are neighbors who would love to have opportunities that we take for granted. Many are not able to drive, have a disability or can't access public transportation.

You can offer a vital link that allows them to get back and forth to work, visit a relative or doctor, even do their grocery shopping. And we make it an EZ Ride by providing the cars, gas and insurance.

### Join our Volunteer Drivers Network

Make a difference in people's lives by volunteering to drive. Your driving helps to make transportation affordable and keeps fares to a minimum.

### Volunteer requirements

For the safety of riders and drivers alike, you must:

- Be at least 21 years old\*
- Have a current New Jersey driver's license
- Have a clean driving record for at least three years and no criminal record
- Be reliable, punctual and have good interpersonal skills
- Agree to an interview and background check

### Volunteer benefits

Our volunteers report a sense of reward that comes with helping others. In addition, they also receive:

- Volunteers can accumulate or "bank" a ride for every 4-hour shift they work. Rides can be saved or transferred to others but must be used within the calendar year they are awarded.
- Driver Safety Course.

### How to get started now

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