

Numbers & Types of Drives Provided in 2015

Medical &
Dental drives
2380

Drives to
Work
2763

Errands
688

Social
Visits & Activities
101

Education
(School or Courses)
482

Counselling
& Legal
33

Daycare
502



Vibrant Communities Charlotte County



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Charlotte Dial A Ride



Everything you
might ask about
becoming a
Volunteer Driver



What is Charlotte Dial A Ride?

Charlotte Dial A Ride is the first volunteer-based transportation system providing disadvantaged and/or disabled residents of Charlotte County the dignity of mobility.

It is not a public transit service; it is a charitable, membership-based service. Individuals accessing the service pay a minimal fee per drive and annual membership fee.

Charlotte Dial A Ride has become a well respected community-based organization with the capacity to meet essential transportation needs of those most vulnerable in this rural part of the province. We have been in operation since Sept., 2005!

Why is our service needed?

It was designed to improve the quality of life for people with no access to affordable transportation.

Since there is no rural bus service in Charlotte County, people living in rural areas often pay up to \$40 return to visit the doctor or shop for food. When individuals have a limited income, this reduces the money available to spend on food, housing, heat, or other essential needs.

In many cases, people can't follow up on needed doctor visits, because they just can't afford to do so.

How are we helping?

Thanks to our volunteer drivers, we are able to provide more affordable transportation; this helps our members stretch their money further.

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How does it work?

Members call our dispatcher 48 hours in advance of the required service, to request a drive appointment. The dispatcher then calls our volunteers to find a driver who may be available on that day and time. Once the driver is found, the appointment is confirmed with the member.

The driver is given all information such as pick up time, member's address, the destination and the number of stops required on the particular drive.

I may be interested in occasionally volunteering, but I am very busy; how much time does it involve?

Whatever time you would like to provide would be welcomed.

Some drive appointments only involve dropping a person off at their destination; while other drives include a return drive home.

Each drive is unique; we will ask you what your preferences are when you join us.

If you wish that we only call you once a month to do a drive, that would still be very helpful to us on a day that we have multiple drive requests.

What hours do you operate?

Our drives take place Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. We do not operate on holidays or weekends.



What will it cost me?

Only your time. Your time is volunteered, but we will give you 35 cents per km towards your gas costs for the drive; this begins the minute you leave your driveway.

Even with today's prices, this covers the gas used (even a bit more.)

How do I apply?

Come and visit us or call 466-4444; we will supply you with the application. There is a screening process, which is not complicated to set in motion, and hopefully we'll have you on board in one week.

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*"Unless someone like you cares a whole, awful lot. Things aren't going to get better, they're NOT!"
-- Dr. Seuss, The Lorax*