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HURON COUNTY CANCER AID TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

On April 17, 2017 a new service will be available for Huron County residents who are in need of transportation to and from cancer treatment services.

Funded by the Huron County Community Foundation, via the Tom Gettel Memorial Fund, the Human Development Commission was selected to coordinate this service and recruit the assistance of volunteer drivers.

Organizers, Randy Elenbaum and Kevin Bucholz, of the Tom Gettel Memory Ride, and other members of the Memorial Fund have, and will continue to, work diligently raising funds in order that Huron County residents in need of non-emergency medical treatment for cancer, i.e. chemotherapy and/or radiation, will have an option available if they have difficulty finding transportation to their appointments. This year's Memory Ride will be held July 8, 2017 so watch for upcoming details. Individuals interested in making a donation to this event should contact Mackenzie Price at the Huron County Community Foundation.

To be eligible for Cancer Aid Transportation, individuals must be Huron County residents, age 18-59, and identify a need for ongoing support to transport them to treatment.

Individuals who are in need of assistance may call the Human Development Commission at 1-800-843-6394, Ext. 1730. A voicemail message may be left and staff will return calls on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week to schedule door-to-door rides.

The Human Development Commission operates a Senior Service Transportation Program and has a cadre of volunteer drivers who are trained and have successfully passed criminal and driving background checks. However, with the start of this new service for non-seniors, additional drivers are needed.

For anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver at a reimbursement rate of \$.50.5 per mile, they are encouraged to call the toll-free number to obtain more information.

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