

American Cancer Society Transportation

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The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.



Stay Well

- Prevention
- Early Detection
- Screening Guidelines
- Healthy Eating & Active Living Environments

Get Well

- Patient Navigation
- Cancer-Related Information
- Patient Programs
- Community Resources
- Caregiver Support

Find Cures

- Research
- 48 Nobel Prize Laureates
- Cancer Prevention Studies

Fight Back

- Advocacy through Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
- Volunteer Engagement
- Fundraising Events



What is Road To Recovery?



Transportation service that provides patients free rides to and from their cancer-related treatments



Volunteers donate their time and the use of their vehicles to provide the rides the patients need



The program is offered to people with cancer who have no means of transportation or are unable to drive themselves



Transportation



Road to Recovery

- Provides free transportation to and/or from cancer treatment using trained volunteer drivers
- 4 business day advance notice required

Patient Eligibility

- Travel to or from related to cancer treatment (chemo or radiation)
- 18 years or older
- Ambulatory
- Free of anesthesia and infectious diseases

Community Transportation

- Partner with community transportation providers (vary by market)
- Limited financial assistance
- Link to Medicaid transportation services (as appropriate)

Patients: To Request Transportation Assistance



Contact the American Cancer Society at 1.800.227.2345 to request a ride



Program availability is dependent upon local volunteer availability therefore patients are asked to provide advance notice to allow for ride coordination

Would YOU drive a mile to save a life?

To Become a Road To Recovery Volunteer:

Call 1.800.227.2345

Visit www.cancer.org/drive

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Road To Recovery®

Volunteer Drivers in Santa Rosa County Needed to Transport Local Cancer Patients to Treatment

Santa Rosa – August 29, 2016 — In 2016 in the U.S., there will be an estimated 1,685,210 new cancer cases and 595,690 cancer deaths. That’s approximately 4,620 new cases and 1,630 deaths every day. An estimated **121,240 Florida** residents will learn they have cancer this year and getting to their scheduled treatment will be one of their greatest roadblocks. To ensure patients get to the critical care they need without additional stress, the American Cancer Society Road To Recovery® program can help provide free transportation to and from treatment for people who have cancer and who do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves.

“Every driver has what it takes to help save lives,” said **Jill Pait, Health Systems Manager, Hospitals**, for the American Cancer Society. “We’re urgently asking drivers to donate their passenger seat and volunteer to take cancer patients to treatment. One cancer patient requiring radiation therapy could need between 20 to 30 trips to treatment over the course of six weeks. A patient receiving chemotherapy may need weekly treatment for up to a year.”

Many cancer patients don’t own a vehicle, can’t afford the extra gasoline, or don’t have access to public transportation. Some patients may be elderly and unable to drive, too ill to drive, or have no family members or friends who are able to provide regular assistance with transportation. Even the best treatment can’t work if a patient can’t get there.

“I’ve been a volunteer driver for 13 years. This program allows me to serve in an upfront and personal position. I get to interact and develop a partnership with the patient. Helping a person as they move through the steps from diagnosis to treatment and then into recovery is very rewarding. Words really can’t capture those moments of gratitude. Most of the time it is as simple as a look of hope, or a pat on the back. I know at that unspoken moment that the Road to Recovery program was a piece of their success. This has changed my life for the better.” -Cindy Davis, local Road to Recovery driver.

The Road To Recovery program provides transportation options for patients in these situations and currently is in need of volunteer drivers in **Santa Rosa County**. Volunteer drivers donate their time and the use of their vehicles so patients can receive the cancer-related treatments they need. Drivers also provide encouragement and support.

To volunteer, you must have a valid driver’s license, a safe and reliable vehicle, and proof of automobile insurance. Drivers must be at least 18 years old and have a good driving history. They arrange their own schedules and can commit as many or as few hours as their schedule allows. The American Cancer Society provides free training to drivers and conducts criminal background and driving record checks.

For information about the Road To Recovery program, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

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