We're here to help you!

The Friendly Shopper Program provides low cost transportation to local grocery/businesses for elderly community members .

All of our drivers are volunteers or on-call paid drivers who have a passion for assisting those in need of essential shopping.

For more information, or to set up a Friendly Shopper drive date, please call the office at (989) 426-5450.





Gladwin County Council on Aging

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Friendly Shopper Program

Transport to local area businesses for senior shopping needs.



Provided Through the Council on Aging, Gladwin County



Mission Statement

To stimulate, serve and assist older persons (60+), especially those at risk due to health and economic reasons, to achieve their desired independence and dignity through client advocacy, assessment and provision of needed service.

PROGRAM IS FUNDED IN PART BY:

- Gladwin Senior Services Millage
- United Way of Clare and Gladwin County



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www.gladwincoa.org



How it Works

The Council on Aging's Friendly Shopper Program is for community members 60+ who need transportation to and from local grocery/convenience stores, and require assistance with loading and unloading of those groceries, at a low fee.

Call the Council on Aging office at (989) 426-5450 and let us know you are needing to set up a Friendly Shopper appointment.

We will need:

- your name
- address
- phone number
- what stores/businesses you need to stop at (3 per trip maximum)
- date and time

After we've got your information, we will call our drivers to set up a pick up time.

Once we find a driver we will call you back with their name and what time they will be picking you up.

All of our drivers are VOLUNTEERS or ON-CALL and sometimes they will not be available at the date and time you have requested. If they aren't, we will call you back and let you know.

You may need to adjust the date and time of your trip.

Since the volunteers use their own vehicles and our On-Call drivers use our vehicle that does not have a life assist, we can only serve persons who can enter and exit the vehicle with minimal assistance.

- Each trip is \$15 round trip
- You can stop at up to 3 locations per trip
- Currently we are offering 2 trips per month per person
- We are transporting to the closest stores, preferably in Gladwin County*
- We offer pick up options as well. Our drivers can do your shopping for you, but can only use cash or check. If you make an online order, our drivers can pick it up and bring it to you.
- Pharmacies, banks, and other approved locations are included in our Friendly Shopper Program

*this may change in the future, but starting out we are keeping it close to where you live



We're here to help you get where you need to go at a reduced price!