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## **LOCAL NONPROFITS DESPERATELY SEEKING SUMMER DRIVERS**

Through their collaboration on the Elder Alliance, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, Pima Council on Aging, Mobile Meals of Tucson, Eastside Neighbors Volunteer Program, Neighbors Care Alliance and Interfaith Community Services are looking for a few driven men and women this summer with a car and a few extra hours to spend assisting elderly and physically-challenged adults.

More than 150 volunteer drivers are urgently needed to transport frail and aging neighbors to medical appointments, the grocery store and other essential errands or delivering meals to the homebound. "As we get older, many of us need a little extra help getting around town," says Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, who is starring in a public service announcement to get the word out. "As a volunteer driver, you can help elderly neighbors stay connected, safe and off the road when they can no longer drive."

Summer months and higher temperatures have created a driver drought in the Tucson area with many regular transportation volunteers heading for cooler climates. At the same time, the needs of elderly and disabled adults in the community do not take a vacation. Drivers make a real difference for frail and vulnerable neighbors to maintain their health and independence.

Volunteers are matched to an agency close to their place of residence. Hours are generally between 9am to 4 pm Monday – Friday; average time commitment is two to three hours per trip. Training and mileage reimbursement are available.

Volunteering makes a great summer activity for teachers or families and is a tangible way to teach children about the importance of giving back to the community. Drivers must have a valid driver's license and pass a background check. Accompanying children must be at least 10 years of age.

Learn more or sign up at [volunteer.unitedwaytucson.org](http://volunteer.unitedwaytucson.org).