



March 20, 2020

Dear Volunteers,

For the safety of our clients and volunteers, **we will be placing a hold on volunteer drives beginning Tuesday, March 23, 2020**. If you are signed up for a ride on or after this date, you will be receiving a cancellation notice. We will continue to assist clients with their essential medical rides utilizing paid drivers.

To help with our clients' other needs during this difficult time, we are implementing a **"Phone Buddy"** and a **"Senior Buddy"** opportunity. To volunteer, please download the volunteer application and volunteer waiver.

[Link: Volunteer Application and Waiver](#)

Please complete the forms and:

- Scan and email to [ctx@driveasenior.org](mailto:ctx@driveasenior.org)  
or
- Mail to Drive a Senior Central Texas - 6705 West Hwy 290 #50268, Austin Tx. 78735.

Senior Buddy volunteers will be given a senior's name, phone number and address. They will call the senior a couple of times a week (more if desired). They will also check on food and medicine needs. The Senior Buddy will gather the list (get payment from the senior for supplies) and shop for them. We do not want you transporting the seniors right now for any reason as they are in the high vulnerability category.

Please note, if the senior has a need and you cannot help, or if you would like to be reassigned to a different senior do not hesitate to call our office.

We are working to identify our most vulnerable clients: those who live alone, have underlying health conditions, do not have family support in town, or have limited resources. You will be assigned a client based on your zip code/area. If there is a specific client you drive frequently and would like to help, please let us know.

We greatly appreciate your support during this time. Many of our seniors are already socially isolated and do not have the social connections that we have. It is more important than ever that we maintain contact with them and help. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions at [ctx@driveasenior.org](mailto:ctx@driveasenior.org). More information will be added to our website and Facebook page as we update at [www.driveasenior.org/ctx](http://www.driveasenior.org/ctx).

Thank you,

***Nicole Sarkar, CFRE***

Executive Director  
Drive a Senior Central Texas