

Impact Story-Mary Jane Andrews*

Mary Jane, a senior citizen resident of the local community, is a widow living in a community for low-income seniors. She was facing critically needed surgery, but due to not driving and having very limited funds, paying for transportation was not possible. A caseworker at Prince William Area Agency on Aging reached out to Volunteer Prince William to see if a volunteer driver could be found who could pick up Mary Jane at her residence and take her to the hospital for her surgery. Although our VETS program is limited to veterans and their spouses, we felt this was a special case and since Agency on Aging is our partner in the VETS program, we should at least try to help this client. One of our best VETS drivers came forward to offer their services in transporting Mary Jane to the hospital. Both Mary Jane and the Agency caseworker were contacted to let them know a ride had been found. When Volunteer Prince William called Mary Jane to let her know she had a ride, she was so relieved she burst into tears over the phone.

Since Mary Jane will continue on to rehab following surgery (transportation provided by the hospital), transportation was only needed one-way.

Thanks to the generosity of this volunteer, Mary Jane will receive surgery she has been needing for some time to relieve pain. Following rehab, she will have increased mobility which will greatly improve her quality of life.

We are so glad we were able to assist our partner Prince William Area Agency on Aging with providing transportation for their client!