

Celebrating 23 Years of Service Creating A World Without Loneliness



MEDICAL RIDES 816

Providing transport to medical appointments.

COMPANION RIDES 534

Social, Library, Bank, Hairdressers.

GROCERY SHOPPING COMPANION 192

Volunteers transport and assist senior adults with shopping.

COVID VACCINATION TRIPS

44 of our older adults have received their immunizations.

44

FRIENDLY CALLER HOURS 108

Many of our older adults enjoy and benefit from a weekly chat with our volunteers.

Facebook Fundraiser Raises over \$900

Many of you know Nancy Appler, a 40+ year Vienna resident. Since 2008 she has been a supporter of the

Shepherd Center of Northern Virginia (SCNOVA) after reading about volunteer opportunities in the paper. Nancy had just retired from a successful and fulfilling career in the government. She started at SCNOVA as a driver which then evolved to include handy helper services to this long-time client. She participates on the **Development Committee where she** recently overheard Jayne Young



mention that Facebook offers easy ways for members to host fundraisers. Nancy was able to establish a page in honor of her birthday with SCNOVA to benefit. We received a sizable donation on her behalf. This donation helps us continue what Nancy sees as "an opportunity to expand your connection to people you might never meet." Thank you, Nancy!



Volunteer Spotlight

Wolfgang "Wolfie" Scherer is a well-known, gregarious volunteer driver who began transporting seniors in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic last July. He has given 363 one way rides, 243 hours and driven 1,582 miles. He states, "Words can't

describe what a privilege it has been volunteering for SCNOVA. I've established wonderful relationships with those I drive. The friends I've made have truly been a blessing in my life. It has also been a great pleasure working with the staff. After receiving the countless benefits of growing up in Vienna, a natural response was for me to give back. I'm thankful to SCNOVA for giving me the opportunity to provide a helping hand."







SCNOVA NEWS & EVENTS

BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Thursday, November 18; 12:00 - 2:00pm Vienna Community Center

Food and friendship add to the joys of the Thanksgiving Holiday. You are invited for turkey and all the fixings provided by the Davis Career Center with Marshall High School. Enjoy a show from Award-Winning Actress & Smithsonian Scholar, Mary Ann Jung of History Alive! This event is sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation, the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia and Providence Assisted Living of Fairfax.

Registration: \$15 per person. Pre-payment is due by November 5. To register call the Shepherd's Center (703) 281-0538.



DINING FOR DOLLARS

Gather your friends and host a fun-raiser! Support the Shepherd Center of Northern Virginia as we raise funds to support our programs and events. Go to our website for more ordering instructions. https://www.scnova.org/announcements

Vienna: October 4th, Foster's Grill 138-A West Maple Avenue, 11am-9pm, dine in, to go & delivery, put your receipt in the designated donation box or mention SCNOVA!

Great Falls: October 5th, Mookie's BBQ, Great Falls, 4-8pm; Carry Out, Dine In. Mention SCNOVA.

Oakton: October 6th, Chipotle, 2946 Chain Bridge Road, 4-8pm. must use code NJDC8BG when ordering online. In person.- show flyer or mention SCNOVA. Delivery not permitted.

Reston: October 6th, **Chick-fil-a** Sunset Hills, from 4-8pm; must show flyer on phone or in person when ordering. Dine In, Drive Thru, Carry Out, Mobile.



You can support the Shepherd Center of Northern Virginia every time you shop at Amazon with no additional cost to you! Make sure you SAVE and **BOOKMARK** the new ordering site. Call the office for help setting this up!



CONGRATULATIONS SCA

Because of our caring community of champions, Shepherd's Centers of America has earned a spot.





Giving Tuesday is November 30, 2021. SCNOVA will be participating with Catalogue of Philanthropy and we are fortunate to have a very generous Board Member that will MATCH your donations up to \$2,500.00! Look for more information on our website soon.

Thank you to all our sponsors who support SCNOVA's Mission

Rotary Club of Vienna Chain Bridge Technologies Money & King Funeral Home **VLP** Financial Advisors United Bank Sunrise Senior Living Fairfax Goodwin House at Home Mitchell & Morin Eye Institute Virginia Heart The Kensington Reston Town of Vienna The Providence of Fairfax Greater Washington Community Foundation Heavenly Paws AARP A Family Tie Brightview Fair Oaks Eldementals Maggiano's Little Italy **Skorpios Maggios** Navy Federal Credit Union One Neighborhood Foundation Purple Onion

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

Cheri Reid Lauren Saadat Laleh Musio Pete Palermo Mark Sierakowski Margot Jones Larry Gibson

Nadina Indyk Will Mize Sara Katherine Gotter Joanne Williams



2021 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

2021 TOWN OF VIENNA VOLUNTEER AWARDEES

Wolfie Scherer Casey Tarr Jayne Young W. Scott Schroth Jack Tarr Lynn Rafferty Peggy Coleman Ann Streb Viraj Chegu



On a sunny Thursday afternoon in September, we celebrated over 220 volunteers at our annual Volunteer Luncheon. Meteorologist Doug Kammerer from NBC 4 was an engaging speaker helping us all "weather" the virtual format. We recognized five dedicated volunteers with special recognition for their outstanding service: Marilyn Boyd, Wolfgang "Wolfie" Scherer, Heather Stride, Dick Banks and Eileen Shaw. A Congressional Record

entry was read by Maddy White,

representative for U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly. It was a great day honoring fantastic people and we were grateful to our sponsors for helping us make it happen: **Brightview Fair Oaks, A Family Tie, Eldementals, Maggianos, Skorpios Maggios, Purple Onion and Ayr Hill Garden Club.** *Three cheers for SCNOVA Volunteers*!



Message from Executive Director - Carolyn Pennington



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and staff who are the heart and soul of SCNOVA. I am honored to be part of this inspiring group. We eagerly continue our outreach to those who may want services or who are seeking ways to serve. It is important that we are inclusive and actively seek out diverse communities that share our mission. We are looking for volunteers, clients and supporters especially in our expanded areas of Reston, Herndon and Great Falls. Who do you know? The Board and staff would love to be part of that welcoming invitation.

I would also like to welcome and introduce Laurie Granger, Marketing and Communications Coordinator. Laurie comes to us with over 20 years of experience in cause-related, experiential, sports and event marketing. Laurie's background includes public relations, operations, volunteer management, sponsorship sales and marketing. Laurie enjoys working in a team environment to reach like-minded goals. Laurie is also a personal trainer and group fitness instructor. When Laurie isn't working, she is spending time with her husband Matt and keeping up with her three children all currently away at college. Welcome Laurie!



Message from Chair of the Board - W. Scott Schroth



The ever-changing landscape of COVID-19 continues to challenge our community and our organization. Despite the summer surge in cases, we have been able to continue to provide medical and companion transportation services to our clients. This is possible only through the dedication and commitment of our volunteer drivers. To serve the community safely, we have continued very stringent safety protocols. We have also approved policies that will allow us to begin to gradually open up programs and services for in-person activities. We are requiring that all volunteers, clients, and participants be fully immunized (with appropriate exceptions for ADA or religious

exemptions), and we continue to hold large group activities in virtual settings. We are eager to expand our services and social and educational programs as the environment permits, and we have a wonderful professional staff and outstanding corps of volunteers poised to carry our mission forward.

Our recent Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon allowed us to recognize a number of volunteers who have provided extraordinary service during the past year. We were also able to recognize Jean Bastien with the Ed Lowry Award for her remarkable contributions to the organization over nearly 20 years. The luncheon was sponsored by several of our wonderful community partners and attended by local and regional political friends who continue to provide strong support to our organization. I offer my sincere thanks to all!



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