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## **LogistiCare Foundation Awards \$17,000 Grant to Senior Helpline Services' Rides for Seniors Program**

**ATLANTA** – The LogistiCare Foundation recently awarded a \$17,000 grant to Senior Helpline Services, a non-profit organization in Lafayette, Calif. The grant funds are being used to enable transportation for seniors in Contra Costa County via the agency's Rides for Seniors program that was started in September.

Rides for Seniors is currently staffed by 21 trained volunteer drivers who are transporting seniors to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls and other social enrichment activities. Specifically, the grant funds are helping with the initial costs associated with implementing the program and its ongoing management – from background checks and training for volunteers to supplies and insurance costs.

“For over 30 years, I have worked with seniors in some capacity and have listened to them expressing their needs. The most frequent need I heard about 30 years ago was the need for transportation. Thirty years later, the most frequent need I hear about is the need for transportation,” said Elaine Welch, executive director of Senior Helpline Services. “Our relationship with The LogistiCare Foundation and their support of the Rides for Seniors program already has resulted in significant transportation benefits for the vulnerable senior population we serve.”

“We are very pleased to lend our support to Senior Helpline Services' Rides for Seniors program,” said Chanda Forsythe, program director of The LogistiCare Foundation. “Helping to ensure that seniors remain active and continue to be involved in their communities, via safe and appropriate transportation, goes to the heart of our Foundation's mission.”

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### **About The LogistiCare Foundation**

The LogistiCare Foundation was established in 2004 and is based in Atlanta. It is recognized as a private charitable foundation under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a private foundation, the mission of The LogistiCare Foundation is to increase access to transportation for senior citizens, persons with disabilities and persons living in poverty. LogistiCare is the nation's leading transportation management solution. For more information, visit [www.logisticare.com](http://www.logisticare.com). You can contact Ms. Forsythe at 770.994.4608 or [chandaf@logisticare.com](mailto:chandaf@logisticare.com).

### **About Senior Helpline Services**

Senior Helpline Services is a non-profit human services agency specializing in communicating with and transporting homebound seniors in Contra Costa County, Calif. The agency operates two programs focused on helping seniors age in their familiar home environments rather than being institutionalized. Established in 1972 as Contact Care Center, Senior Helpline Services now carries out its mission via two programs – Reassurance Phone Friends and Rides for Seniors.

For more information, visit [www.seniorhelpline.net](http://www.seniorhelpline.net) or call 925.284.2207. To volunteer as a phone friend, please call 925.284.6161. To volunteer as a driver, please call 925.284.6699.

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