

# **Ride Along**

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## Staff highlight

### Dick Longstein

Dick Longstein is our driver of the month. Dick has been with the Rural Transportation Program since March 2002 and drives part-time in Dodge County.

*Thank you Dick for your many years of service!*



## Program Assistant

Deidra Cleveland is our new Rural Transportation Program Assistant. Deidra will be working in the office and also as a back up driver for the program.

**CONGRATULATIONS DEIDRA!**

## WELCOME CAROLYN & TOM!



Welcome to our newest staff members drivers **Carolyn Lautrup and Tom Ashworth.**

Carolyn is the part time driver and Tom will be driving in rural Douglas, Sarpy, and Cass Counties.

## Winter weather is just around the corner, remember:

If extreme weather conditions make travel unsafe, services will be discontinued until conditions are more favorable. The Rural Transportation Program will follow main school district closings due to bad weather.

## This program is a Demand Response service, what does that mean??

A Demand Response transportation program has a different schedule everyday that they are in operation based upon the needs of the passengers that have requested rides. Even though you may be a regular rider with this service your spot cannot be held should you go out of town or not need the service for any length of time

## What are folks saying about the program.



*"the driver is nice, he's funny!"*  
T.H. Douglas County client

*"Thank you for offering this service! You are the only form of transportation that goes past 108th & Fort to our neighborhood.*

*By taking our son home, you allow us to continue to work and provides us with peace of mind that our son gets home safely"*

Mr & Mrs. H-Douglas County

*"This is a service that we really appreciate. Your help for seniors is going beyond"*

A. B. rider from Dodge County

Becky, Social Worker from the Veterans' Administration called and thanked Rural Transportation for their service to one of her clients *"thank you for all of your help, we really appreciate all that you do."*

*R.S. called into the Omaha office to say how courteous and nice his driver was, they were very pleased that the driver helped with their groceries.*



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or Financial Exploitation  
in Nebraska call  
1-800-652-1999**

# 2017 Holiday Schedule

We will be closed on the following holidays during 2017:

*Monday, October 9 ..... Columbus Day*

*Friday, November 10..... Veterans' Day Observance*

*Thursday, November 23.....Thanksgiving Day*

*Friday, November 24 ..... Thanksgiving Day Observance*

*Monday, December 25..... Christmas Day*



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