

R.I.D.E. Transportation Program (taxi service) received a \$1,000 grant this past year that has assisted in providing transportation for residents locally and out of town. Clarinda Area Volunteers Executive Director Lucille Lawrence states “Thanks to a grant from the Clarinda Foundation, we were able to reimburse drivers for nearly 100 trips this past year.”

Recently Norm Blaisdell a Clarinda resident and patron of the R.I.D.E. transportation program shared the following information:

“Living in a rural town can be rewarding in many ways. One of the rewards comes to me in the form of the R.I.D.E. transportation service. The service is available 5 days a week from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Weekends, evenings and holidays available with a 24 hour advance notice.

Gretchen Sump, Bill Francis, Rich VanDellen and other volunteers are always prompt. The fee is very reasonable for both in town and out of town trips. I personally have used the service for my many trips around town as well as for out of town medical appointments and trips to the airport. The drivers are also very helpful in providing information regarding the community and other services available. The service is provided by people that really care and are very respectful to their passengers. I have used the service for the past four years. We need this service as many of us have is no other mode of transportation and we must rely on this service for our banking, grocery and medical needs.”

In addition other passengers have echoed Norm’s appreciation of the local R.I.D.E. (taxi) transportation program:

“I have no relatives nearby, so I don’t know what I’d do without the taxi!”

“We are elderly sisters who can no longer drive. We have to have the taxi service to get groceries and go to doctors’ appointments.”

“Clarinda is so fortunate to have this service. Bless the volunteers who keep it operation!”

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible charitable contribution for the R.I.D.E. transportation program you may contact Lucille Lawrence at 542-4915 or the Clarinda Foundation Office at 542-4412.



Bill Francis R.I.D.E. transport driver picking up Norm Blaisdell for local appointments.