

Dementia Friendly Transportation

Dementia Friendly Transportation, Edmonton Zone

Drive Happiness Seniors Association

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The Dementia Friendly Transportation project (DFPT) will be tailored to the needs of people living with dementia. This project will add a stream to our current transportation services that will be focused on providing safe, accessible, and affordable transportation to those living with dementia. Individuals impacted by dementia often become homebound as the disease progresses, preventing them from staying active within their communities and creating additional challenges for caregivers. The DFTP will be provided through the help of compassionate volunteer drivers who are thoroughly trained to address this unique situation, concurrently facilitating socialization for people living with dementia and offering respite to caregivers.

The goal of the DFTP is to create a safer transportation option for seniors in the Edmonton Zone who live with dementia, simultaneously raising awareness of the need for such a service in all areas of the province. This project will be a pilot for spreading our volunteer-based, low-cost, assisted transportation model. It will inform how to connect older adults living with dementia to volunteers who have the capacity and knowledge to offer safe transportation, keeping those living with dementia active in their communities and reducing their social isolation.

