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If the day came you couldn't drive any more, what would you do? Your independence and your freedom are so very important to your quality of life.

How will you get to medical appointments, friends and family, shopping, church, volunteer jobs, social events or even a card game or a visit over coffee? Public transportation doesn't always work.

If you're 65 or older and live in Dubuque, Asbury or East Dubuque, you can call DuRide. DuRide is a non-profit organization that provides over 1,000 door to door rides a month for our members. Since 2008, 71,000 rides have been provided.

DuRide works because Dubuque has so very many people who support their community and their neighbors in need, and that shared commitment is what makes Dubuque the special place it is, and what makes DuRide possible. Few programs like DuRide exist anywhere else. As a matter of fact, AARP sent staff to Dubuque to study DuRide so they could share what we do with other communities.

The number of people age 65 and older will continue to grow, and along with it, so will the need for DuRide. We'll need even more volunteers and supporters to keep up. Please consider becoming involved.

Volunteering for DuRide is easy, and works in everyone's schedule. There are no minimum commitments or regular schedules to keep, and

no special license or insurance is required. Every volunteer undergoes a driving and criminal background check for safety.

Some volunteers provide a dozen or more rides a week, others just a few rides a month; some only in the summer, some only Thursdays. Whatever time you have will make a difference for someone who needs your help.

"I've never been thanked so much in my life", said one new volunteer. Another said "This is the most rewarding thing I've ever done. I get so much more than I am giving!"

On behalf of our members, volunteers, board of directors, supporters and our entire community, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Greg Orwoll
Executive Director



GET INVOLVED

We need you!

Find out about volunteering for DuRide.

You will make a difference in the lives of so many wonderful people who need your help.

You will get more in return
than what you give!

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Dear DuRide,

I live in Massachusetts and my mother lived in Dubuque. She drove to shopping, errands, social events and church. Each time I visited, I would observe her driving skills. I was concerned about not only my mother's safety, but that of others too.

The time came to "take the keys" It was a very difficult thing to do. I was no longer her favorite only child. Driving represented her independence and freedom.

I recently visited Dubuque when I met Greg Orwoll, who told me about DuRide. I wish DuRide would have been available for my mother. She could have stayed in her home, and she would have had a much better quality of life.

When I returned home I contacted our city council, our local newspaper and a social service agency and told them about DuRide and told them we needed one here.

Greg has offered the information we need to get started. 'MARide' maybe?

Sincerely,
Jean A. Walachy RN BSN



Eve said:
"DuRide gave me back my life, and that is not an exaggeration! Without it I think I would lay down and die! I wonder what we did before DuRide."

Marjorie said:
"If it weren't for DuRide, I would be sitting in my home since I can't drive. I don't know what I would do."

Doris said:
"I don't know what I would do without it. They make life so much better for me. I just can't say enough. Thank you."

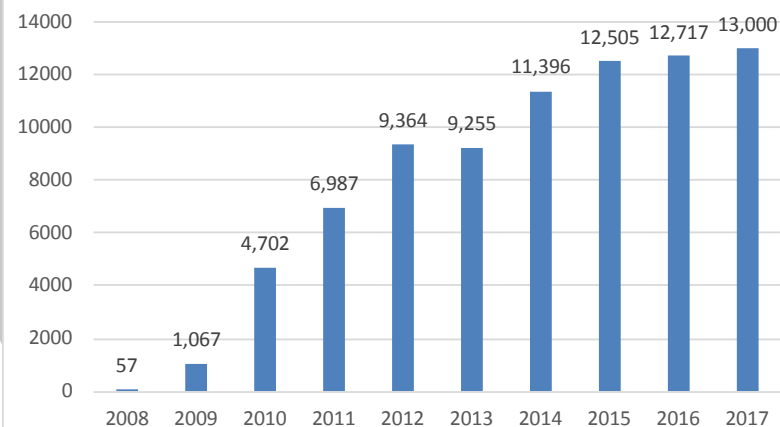
Mimi said:
"DuRide is the best thing to happen in Dubuque since the flood wall."

Pat said:
"Without DuRide, I'd become a hermit. They give me my independence and they are always available."

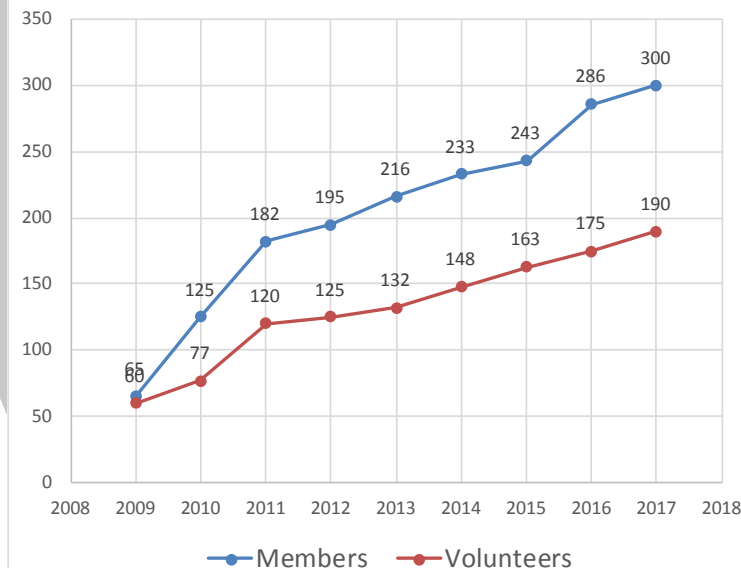
Jan and John said:
"It was difficult to give up driving, but DuRide gave us our freedom back. They are only a phone call away and the staff and drivers are some of the nicest people you will ever meet."

Marianne and Howard said:
"We don't know what we would do without it. It would be difficult staying engaged and involved in life. It is a wonderful service for which we are so very grateful. We have yet to meet a driver we did not like. They do so many special things for us."

Rides Provided



Total Members and Volunteers



Thank you to the Mystique Casino Employee Group

Opal said:
"The volunteers go over and above to offer all the assistance I need. They are so polite and always ready to help."

Mary said:
"I am new to Dubuque and I would be lost without DuRide. It keeps me independent and provides me freedom. Dubuque should celebrate these wonderful people and this wonderful service."

Coletta said:
"Since my husband passed away they have always been here for me. It is so reliable, even on weekends. The drivers are wonderful."



Executive Director Greg Orwoll getting the word out

Congressman Blum Drives for DuRide

When Congressman Rod Blum learned about DuRide he offered to volunteer, and one of the rides was for a Navy veteran who served in the Pacific around the same time as Mr. Blum's father. After thanking him for his service, the two of them found a lot in common to talk about. Rod even took the long way to have more time to chat.

"I so wish DuRide would have been around for my mother. It would have made such a difference for her," he said. He sends compliments to the volunteers and supporters of DuRide who make it work, and he is planning to spread the word to fellow members of Congress.

"This the kind of public/private partnership that we need," he said. "It's an inspiration to see the volunteers care so much about the people who need it most."

