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Got Wheels! moving forward

Peninsula Family Service affordable transportation program for older adults expanding service area to central San Mateo and the coast

SAN MATEO, Calif. – Got Wheels!, the affordable transportation program launched by Peninsula Family Service last year in Daly City and extended this summer to Colma and Brisbane, is moving forward to serve nine other cities in the county and a major commuter hub in the region.

Effective **Nov. 25, 2020**, residents of South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, El Granada, Montara, Moss Beach and Half Moon Bay who are 70 years and older are also eligible to apply for membership in Got Wheels! Members are provided up to six one-way rides a month for \$5 each one-way ride within the geographic area and San Francisco International Airport. PFS subsidizes remainder of the fare.

The expanded program is funded by the CalTrans 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. Last year's pilot and subsequent extension was funded by the County of San Mateo through Measure K with the endorsement of District 5 Supervisor David Canepa.

"We are happy to announce the expansion of our successful program that has provided accessible transportation to older residents of North County. We are grateful to our funders for their generous support," said Susan Houston, PFS Vice President for Older Adult Services.

Lack of transportation is the main reason why older adults tend to skip their medical appointments, leading to increased emergency room visits and medical care expenses. Got Wheels! remedies the situation and more.

"There is a direct link between lack of transportation and feelings of isolation in older adults," Houston explained. "Studies have shown that being isolated and lonely directly affects one's emotional, mental and physical health. This service connects people to opportunities for social services and cultural and personal enrichment."

Membership is free. Members pay only when they take rides.

Simple guidelines enable members easy access:

- Rides may be arranged 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



- Rides may be scheduled days in advance by calling the number of the back of the membership card.
- Membership is limited to one per couple who may share a card but keep to a total six one-way rides a month.
- Members may bring along up to three companions of any age or address provided they get on and off the vehicle at the same time and place as the member.
- Members who need mobility equipment may request an accessible vehicle.

Serra Yellow Cab, a longtime taxi company with offices in Daly City and San Mateo, is the partner provider for the program.

“Got Wheels! is a godsend,” said Daly City resident Denise Schwarzbach, a member since July 2019. “I don’t know how I would manage to get to my exercise and other classes without it.”

Got Wheels! is a one-year program to conclude until further notice on September 30, 2021.

For more information, contact Got Wheels! coordinator at (650) 403-4300 Ext. 4329. Or visit <https://www.peninsulafamilyservice.org/>.





Got Wheels!

UP TO 6 ONE-WAY TAXI RIDES A MONTH FOR \$5 @ ONE-WAY RIDE

For residents of Daly City, Colma, Brisbane, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, Half Moon Bay, Montara, Moss Beach and El Granada -- 70 Years and Older

Effective Nov. 25, 2020, Got Wheels! will be providing affordable alternative transportation for Daly City, Colma, Brisbane, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, Half Moon Bay, Montara, Moss Beach, and El Granada residents at least 70 years of age.

Interested individuals may apply for no-cost membership. Members are provided up to six one-way rides a month for \$5 each one-way ride. PFS subsidizes remainder of the fare.

The service area includes the geographic area listed above and San Francisco International Airport.

The Peninsula Family Service older adults program was launched July 2019 in Daly City through funding from San Mateo County and extended to Colma and Brisbane in July 2020. The service is expanding further down the San Mateo Coast and SFO through CalTrans Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility & Persons with Disabilities program.

There is no fee for membership. Members pay only when they take rides. Applications are available on <https://www.peninsulafamilyservice.org/our-programs/older-adult-services/> or upon request at contact information below. A pre-loaded *Got Wheels!* membership card and further information on the program will be mailed to members upon approval of application.

**For more information, contact Cherie, Got Wheels! Program Coordinator:
(650) 403-4300 Extension 4329 or cmoreno@peninsulafamilyservice.org**





Opening Doors, Changing Lives

Got Wheels! Membership Application (Limit 1 member per couple)

PLEASE PRINT - ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS Today's Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____ Apt./Unit No. _____

City/Zip Code _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Birthdate: (Must be at least 70 years old) _____ Need accessible ride? Y / N

Peninsula Family Service receives government funding for this program. Your optional response will help us in our reports. Please check all that apply to you:

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| Native Am/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> | Middle Eastern <input type="checkbox"/> | Female <input type="checkbox"/> | Male <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Asian <input type="checkbox"/> | Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> | Lesbian <input type="checkbox"/> | Gay <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Black/African Am <input type="checkbox"/> | White/Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> | Bisexual <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> | With disability <input type="checkbox"/> | Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> | Military/ veteran <input type="checkbox"/> | Decline to state <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Please send the completed form by:

Mail:
Got Wheels Coordinator
Peninsula Family Service
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San Mateo, CA 94401

Fax:
650-403-4303 Ext. 4329
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