



Dear Carroll County Resident:

Having cancer is hard. Finding help shouldn't be. That's why the American Cancer Society offers a number of services to help people with cancer and their families overcome obstacles in their personal cancer fight so they can focus on getting well.

One of the toughest challenges people face is getting to and from much needed cancer treatments. They may be too sick to drive themselves, may not have a car or someone to drive them, or may not be able to afford gas or other transportation costs. The American Cancer Society provides patients with free rides to treatment centers through their Road to Recovery program, and that's where you can help.

Your American Cancer Society is looking for people who can use their own vehicles to drive patients in Carroll County who are undergoing cancer treatment to and from their appointments. Interested volunteers can call us at 410-781-4316 to find out more about this important program and how they can get involved. By giving a little of your time, you can help save lives while fulfilling your own.

If you are a cancer patient in need of a ride to treatment or other support services, please contact your American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345. We are available 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week.

Sincerely,

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# American Cancer Society Program Snapshot Road to Recovery<sup>®</sup>

**What is the Road To Recovery program?** The Road To Recovery program uses Volunteer Drivers to transport patients to their life saving cancer treatments. Drivers volunteer their time, vehicle and gas to help patients that do not have a means of transportation to their treatment.

**How often will I be asked to drive cancer patients to treatment?** Most volunteers drive at least once per week when asked to transport a patient. However, if you can transport patients more often, it is greatly appreciated.

**How far will I be expected to drive?** You can choose which hospitals and treatment facilities are within an acceptable distance for you to drive.

**How long will the patient be at treatment and will I be expected to wait for them?** Most radiation treatments only last about 30 minutes. However, chemo treatments can vary in length from 1 to 6 hours. If a patient is going for a several hour chemo treatment, you may drop them off and have them call you when they are finished so you can come and pick them up. Or if you are not available later that day to come back for the patient, ACS may be able to arrange for another volunteer driver to pick the patient up from treatment. But please let us know in advance if you can only drive one way.

**How far in advance will ACS contact me to ask if I am available to transport a patient?** We will normally call you a week in advance to schedule a ride for a patient. Sometimes due to unforeseen circumstances, we may call you on shorter notice if another volunteer has had to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances.

**What if I am not available to transport a patient when ACS contacts me?** We realize that you have other things happening in your own life and family. So, it's okay if you occasionally have to say that you are unavailable on a particular date that we call you to request patient transport. We will try calling other volunteers in the area to see if they are available for the patient's appointment date and time.

**Will I be driving my own vehicle?** Yes, volunteers use their own vehicles and gas to transport patients to the cancer treatments. However, some churches and private groups who participate in the Road To Recovery program may choose to use their organization's van if one is available.

**Will I be required to physically assist the patient?** Patients using the Road To Recovery program are required to be ambulatory and able to walk on their own without assistance. However, some may need a helping hand getting in and out of the car.

**Am I expected to contact the patient before the day of transport?** We ask that you call the patient the day before you are to transport them. This confirms their ride, gives you the opportunity to get directions to their home and serves an initial chance to meet each other before the actual ride.



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