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## Council for Older Adults Seeking Additional Volunteers for Transportation Program

Since the Delaware Area Transit Agency (DATA) announced its 2014 fare increases, the need for affordable transportation for the senior population of Delaware County has grown more urgent. On January 2, the Council launched the Bus Bucks program, which provides a monthly stipend to Delaware County residents age 60 and older to help offset the cost of DATA's demand response fees.

The Council for Older Adults provides additional transportation assistance through a volunteer program, providing rides to medical appointments, social service agencies, and adult day care facilities.

"The Council's transportation assistance is a fast-growing program," said Robert Horrocks, executive director of the Council for Older Adults. "Many seniors in the county have frequent medical appointments and may not realize that they can take advantage of our service. In light of DATA's fee increase, we need to focus on recruitment and promotion of our volunteer transportation program."

To recruit additional volunteers, the Council for Older Adults will host an open house on Thursday, January 30 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., with light refreshments, door prizes and building tours. In addition to transportation drivers, the Council is also recruiting Meals On Wheels delivery drivers, home chore volunteers and kitchen assistants.

To RSVP for the volunteer open house, or for more information about the volunteer transportation program, please call the Council for Older Adults at (740) 363-6677 or visit www.growingolder.org.

The Council for Older Adults is a nonprofit organization which helps older people in Delaware County live safely in their own homes and stay healthy as they age. The Council's office is located at 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware. Programs and services provided by the Council for Older Adults are supported in part by the local senior services levy.