



# TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND ROAD TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

REDUCING TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS TO CANCER TREATMENT

NO ONE SOLUTION OR SERVICE CAN MEET THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF ALL CANCER PATIENTS. THEREFORE, THE SOCIETY OFFERS A VARIETY OF RESOURCES AND WORKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DEVELOP TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS.

An estimated 3.6 million Americans delay or have difficulty getting needed medical care each year due to the lack of available and affordable transportation to treatment.

Cancer-related transportation needs are expected to rise due to the increasing number of newly diagnosed cancer patients and the growing use of outpatient treatment.

The American Cancer Society recognizes the need for transportation services and improves the access to care of cancer patients by reducing transportation barriers to treatment. Over the years, the Society's transportation services continue to increase.

**ROAD TO RECOVERY® PROGRAM** – We provide free rides to and from treatments for cancer patients who do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves. Trained volunteer drivers (based on availability) donate their time and the use of their personal vehicles to help patients get to the treatments they need.

**TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE** – In some communities, we offer referrals to existing community transportation resources.

**AIR MILES PROGRAM** – When treatment requires travel farther from home, this program assists cancer patients and their families with air travel expenses to and from treatment.

**COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION** – We build partnerships with other community organizations to provide transportation services, so cancer patients have more options.

## WORKING WITH THE SOCIETY, YOU CAN HELP:

- ▶ PATIENTS HAVE FEWER BARRIERS TO COMPLETING THEIR TREATMENTS AND RECEIVING FOLLOW-UP CARE, RESULTING IN BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES AND LOWER LONG-TERM COSTS TO YOUR HEALTH SYSTEM.
- ▶ PATIENTS FEEL MORE FULLY SUPPORTED AND EMPOWERED BY A SYSTEM THAT HELPS THEM OVERCOME CHALLENGES FACED DURING AND AFTER TREATMENT.
- ▶ REDUCE STAFF TIME SPENT ON FINDING TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES, AND INCREASE YOUR TIME SUPPORTING PATIENTS.



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