

## About Our Members

### What are the benefits of being a member of The Westerly Village?

- Eligible to request and receive direct one-on-one services from trained, fully-vetted, and available volunteers --- initially includes transportation, simple household maintenance/ chores, technical support, and member-invited calls/visits (see "About Our Services")
- Access to and participation in group services and programs available – initially social programs and connections (clubs, Zoom discussions, community events)

### Who can be a member of The Westerly Village?

- Initially, a full-time or part-time resident of the Town of Westerly, R.I.
- Not age exclusive, although most of our members will be seniors (age 50 or above), since our primary mission is to help older adults remain active, connected, and independent in the home and community they love
- Volunteers also can be members, too – and the reverse!

### What types of memberships are there?

- Individual membership
- Dual membership = two adult family members living in that same household

### What are the costs of membership?

- Our Village is a membership organization that welcomes a wide diversity of people of all backgrounds, economic means, and service needs
- Membership dues represent a commitment from members to our Village. They are tailored to make membership affordable to people of all economic means. A range of dues levels is suggested by The Village Common of Rhode Island, or you may designate a level unique to you
- For an individual membership: an affordable annual amount (or monthly equivalent) that is comfortable for you — you decide
- For a dual membership: the same concept applies --- you decide
- Beyond dues, there are no other fees or expenses incurred by a member for any volunteer-provided direct service. Volunteer drivers pay for gas; no tips are permitted

### What is the process of becoming a member of the Westerly Village?

- You express your interest -- to a Westerly Village representative you know or have met, or via Email ([Westerly@villagecommonri.org](mailto:Westerly@villagecommonri.org))
- One of our Village Ambassadors will contact you and arrange with you a date and time for an in-person visit/conversation to answer questions and help determine together whether our Westerly Village can help and support your practical and social needs. You will have the opportunity at that time to choose the annual dues amount you are comfortable with.
- The Ambassador will provide any guidance needed in completing a Membership Application -- that is the final step in becoming a welcomed Westerly Village member.