

About Our Volunteers

What are the benefits of becoming a Westerly Village volunteer?

- Playing a key role in fulfilling our mission of helping older adult residents of Westerly remain active, connected, and independent in the home and community they love.
- Helping implement the valued practice of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

What are the available opportunities to be a Westerly volunteer?

- (See "About Our Services")
- Providing needed rides and running errands directly for members
- Helping with household maintenance and chores that have become challenging
- Providing needed technical support for electronic devices
- Providing invited personal support (e.g., check-in calls, walks, etc.)
- Helping our Village plan/facilitate social programs and connections for our membership
- Helping our local Village with administrative/office support

What makes our volunteers and volunteering unique?

- Strictly based on your interests/passions, talents, and availability
- You pick what services you are able and willing to provide
- You set your own schedule of when you can be available
- You determine whether you can accept a specific member request, or not

What are prerequisites for being a Westerly Village volunteer?

- Can be from any location
- Must be vetted through The Village Common of Rhode Island (background checks for all, driving records for volunteer drivers)
- Sign a confidentiality agreement to respect member privacy

What support does The Village Common of Rhode Island provide?

- Insurance not already covered by a volunteer's personal insurance
- Orientation, training, and updates for volunteers
- Service Coordinators and the technology that enables the matching of member requests to volunteer applications/profiles to best insure successful delivery on the requests
- Fundraising and Local Village Budget
- Mentoring to Local Villages, Webpage and email account support

What is the process for becoming a Westerly Village volunteer?

- You express your interest -- to one of our Westerly Village representatives you know or have met, or via Email (Westerly@villagecommonri.org)
- One of our representatives will call or meet with you to answer any questions and provide any guidance needed to complete a provided Volunteer Application
- Complete and submit the Volunteer Application
- Receive a Westerly Village Volunteer badge, once vetting and training are completed