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### **Neuse Neighbors Network is Ready for Spring!**

It's been over a year since COVID-19 changed our lives. We've endured a year of quarantine, social distancing, and responsible mask-wearing. Through it all, the volunteers at Neuse Neighbors Network worked hard to ensure that our members had the support they needed to stay safe and healthy. Although the organization was forced to temporarily limit some face-to-face services, its volunteers have continued to deliver groceries and medicines, walk dogs, host Member zoom meetings, offer technical support, supply free masks, and provide rides to medical and vaccination appointments.

While the pandemic kept many of us at home binge-watching Netflix, Neuse Neighbors Network kept busy launching new initiatives. Earlier this year it announced a Sponsorship Fund aimed at making its services available to those who could use a little help paying the organization's modest membership fee. Thanks to contributions from the Rotary Club of Oriental, the Frances Mae Carawan Fund, Village Realty of Oriental and a significant grant from the Carolina East Foundation, as well as the generosity of individual donors, the organization has already begun enrolling deserving individuals.

Now that North Carolina is easing restrictions, and as more NNN members and volunteers are fully vaccinated, the organization is springing back into high gear. Founded two years ago, Neuse Neighbors Network is a 501(c3) organization whose mission is to help its members "age in place" for as long as possible. Its services include private transportation to appointments and social outings, technical assistance with 'smart' devices, personal shopping and running errands, performing light household tasks, making social visits, discounts at local restaurants and retailers – and so much more. "We're very happy to be able to resume our full range of services," says Jayne Demers, NNN President. "And we're looking forward to exploring new ways to benefit our members in the future, so stay tuned!"

Our lives have changed in the past year, giving many of us newfound appreciation for connecting with others. Dining with friends, hugging family members, even chatting with a neighbor, have taken on renewed importance. Neuse Neighbors Network is a unique community resource to ensure that a helping hand is there when it's needed most, now and in the future.

If you'd like to know more about the benefits of membership in Neuse Neighbors Network or have an interest in joining its team of dedicated volunteers, visit [www.neuseighbors.org](http://www.neuseighbors.org). For more information, you can also call NNN's Help Line, which is staffed 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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