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### **Neuse Neighbors Network New Scholarship Fund Can Help Local Seniors**

Since its founding two years ago, Neuse Neighbors Network, a 501(c3) organization, has built a proud reputation for fulfilling the mission of helping its members “age in place” for as long as possible. Since then, 80 dedicated volunteers have provided over 250 services to 88 members. Its services include private transportation to appointments and social outings, dog walking, shopping and running errands, light household tasks, making ‘buddy calls’, technical support, and so much more.

Recently, NNN Board members undertook a lengthy strategic planning session to determine how to expand its mission. Offering scholarships to elderly individuals who need its services but who are unable to pay NNN’s modest annual membership fees met with unanimous approval.

NNN’s goal is to raise \$5000, with half the funds in place by the end of 2020, so it can begin the program in early 2021 and build a reserve for the future. Regular membership dues are a modest \$120 for individuals and \$150 for a household. Regular membership dues will not be used to fund the scholarship drive. Instead, the organization is soliciting funds from individuals, local businesses, and grants. The Oriental Rotary Club has already given the fund a healthy start with a generous contribution of \$825.

Although NNN does not plan to formally audit a scholarship candidate’s financial status, local churches, senior organizations, and Neuse Neighbors Network partner organization, Prime Time, will be the most likely source of referrals for persons who would benefit from membership. In all cases, scholarship candidates will be asked to contribute to the membership fee according to their ability and must meet the organization’s other standard eligibility requirements.

If you or your organization would like to make a contribution to Neuse Neighbors Network’s scholarship fund in any denomination, please send your check to Neuse Neighbors Network Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 408, Oriental NC 28571. Or, visit our website, [www.neuseneighbors.org](http://www.neuseneighbors.org) to donate by credit card. Your contribution will be gratefully acknowledged on the organization’s website and publicized in email correspondence to its members and volunteers.