



JUNE NEWS

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## Protecting and Empowering Seniors: Why Volunteers Matter in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Month

As June comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the important work that Community Partners in Caring (CPC) does to support our aging neighbors. This month included World Elder Abuse Awareness Day—a powerful reminder of the critical importance of protecting and uplifting our senior community.

Through our volunteer-based system, CPC connects older adults with trustworthy, background-checked volunteers who provide essential services like transportation to medical appointments, food access, and social connection. These services are vital in helping seniors live with dignity, safety, and independence. But we can't do it alone—more volunteers are needed to help prevent isolation and ensure no senior is left without the support they deserve.

### Become a Lifeline for a Senior

#### *Ride to Hope: Debra's Story*

*In March 2025, 70-year-old Debra M reached out to Community Partners in Caring for help getting to her chemotherapy appointments at Ridley-Tree Cancer Center. Living alone and referred by social services, Debra was navigating a difficult chapter*



*in her life. Thanks to the support of our dedicated volunteers, she was able to get the reliable transportation she needed.*

*On June 11, Debra called with wonderful news—she no longer needs chemotherapy. She shared her deep gratitude for the care and connection she received during such a challenging time.*

## Sign up for Services



### ***Hilda's Corner: Joyrides & Journey Planning – June Reflections***

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It's summer—time to be outside! Some of my favorite memories growing up here on the Central Coast were going for drives. It didn't matter where—north to Cambria, south to Ventura, or even just the 15-mile trip to Pismo Beach. It was the driving I loved, and still do.

That's why I've always taken an interest in learning how to stay safe behind the wheel—and how to plan ahead for the day when I might no longer be able to drive. Having a reliable transportation system makes all the difference.

Why not try public transportation just for fun? There's an incredible network of services across Santa Barbara County to meet a variety of needs. Invite a friend, roll down the windows, crank up the oldies, and enjoy the ride!

For a thoughtful take on evaluating your own driving ability, check out this blog from the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center:

<https://www.nadtc.org/news/blog/am-i-a-safe-driver-evaluating-older-driver-safety/>

Elder abuse often goes unseen—but staying informed and connected can help prevent it. In honor of Elder Abuse Awareness Month, we're reminding our community how important it is to look out for the well-being of older adults and adults with disabilities.

Explore these Central Coast resources to learn how you can recognize, report, and help prevent elder abuse:



## HONORING SENIORS

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Know the signs and where to turn

[HTTPS://CENTRALCOASTSENIORS.ORG/REPORTING-ELDER-ABUSE/](https://centralcoastseniors.org/reporting-elder-abuse/)



## Resources



### Check Us Out on KSBY! ❤️

Community Partners in Caring was recently featured on KSBY for the incredible work our volunteers do to help local seniors stay independent.

The story highlights longtime volunteer and veteran Dave Cook, who provides free rides to seniors in need of transportation. It's a powerful reminder of how just a little time can make a big difference.

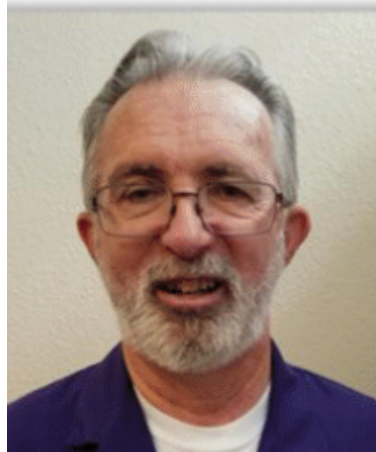
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Happy birthday to our amazing volunteers celebrating this month! Your kindness and dedication mean the world to the seniors and adults with disabilities we serve.

We're so grateful to have you in the Community Partners in Caring family—thank you for making a difference every day! ❤️



Happy Birthday Yolanda F.  
from Orcutt!



Happy Birthday Bill P. from  
Orcutt!



Happy Birthday Nancy B.,  
from Orcutt!



Happy Birthday Benny A.  
from Lompoc!

During Elder Abuse Awareness Month, we're especially thankful for the amazing volunteers who joined our mission in June! ❤️

Your support helps older adults and individuals with disabilities stay safe, independent, and connected. Thank you for being a part of the Community Partners in Caring family and helping protect and empower our seniors every day.



Happy 7 years Danielle M!

Over 600 rides. Endless impact. One incredible volunteer. Danielle, your compassion and commitment truly embody the heart of CPC. Thank you for seven years of showing up, spreading kindness, and making our community brighter every step of the way. ❤️

We're beyond grateful to have you on the team!

## Resources



### Services We Provide:

- Transportation
- Friendly Visits
- Check-in Calls
- Grocery Shopping & Errands

Sign up for Services

## Find Local Resources for Seniors:

- Transportation
- Mental Health
- Report Abuse
- Meals
- & More!



[View Community Resources](#)

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