How Volunteer Drivers are Recruited

Passengers recruit their own volunteer drivers in the TRIP model service program. There are a number of reasons that the TRIP model requires passengers to recruit their own drivers:

- 1. No one is in a better position to know the character of a volunteer. Passengers know their friends or neighbors and ask those they trust to volunteer.
- 2. It is empowering for a passenger to refocus on helping themselves. Instead of becoming accustomed to giving up personal responsibility and being helped like a small child, requiring and helping passengers to recruit their own volunteer driver helps to encourage an attitude and behavior directed toward self-sufficiency.
- 3. When passengers reach out to those around them and form closer bonds with them, their support network expands.
- 4. Because the service program is not recruiting, screening, training and matching volunteers with passengers, the risk and liability potential associated with those activities is substantially limited.
- 5. This also significantly reduces the expense of operating the program.