



*Adopt-a-
neighbor*

Youth Council Proposal










What is adopt-a-neighbor?

“Adopt-a-neighbor” is a fun, impactful program designed to connect volunteers with neighbors who need could use a helping hand of extra support in their daily lives.

Example

Programs such as this have existed for a while so lets take a look at an example that may help us set up our own program.

 TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEER Drivers connect older neighbors to the community by providing transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and events. Volunteers must be over 18 and drive their own insured vehicle. This commitment is flexible and you may drive as often or as little as you would like.	 ADOPT-A-DRIVEWAY Volunteers adopt an older neighbor's sidewalk or driveway during the winter months. Volunteers clear snow as needed. It's the neighborly thing to do! All equipment (shovel/snowblower) is provided.
 COMPANIONSHIP VOLUNTEER Volunteers are matched one-on-one with an older neighbor to serve as a friendly visitor. Companionship visits include conversation, going on walks, doing puzzles, playing games, or simply spending time with an individual. This volunteer experience is flexible and can be scheduled weekly, bi-weekly, or sporadically. Often, time spent with a "companionship volunteer is the highlight of an older neighbor's day!"	 HANDY VOLUNTEER Volunteers help with minor home repairs and chores for older neighbors such as hanging photos, fixing drawers, changing light bulbs, etc. Volunteers are able to choose the tasks they feel comfortable with and arrange the work to fit with their schedules. 

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 ODD JOBS VOLUNTEER We sometimes receive requests for odd jobs and help with one-off tasks from older neighbors. Join our email list and help out as you are available/interested!	Be a piece of the puzzle that helps our seniors remain in their own homes.





How to apply?

Looking at most programs that were online, volunteers could sign up through google forms, a online forum, or participate in their city's key clubs.

