

Village SCAT is a unique transportation service that volunteers formed several years ago to provide low-cost (\$4.00 one way), dependable rides for Villagers to medical appointments, shopping and other personal appointments in HSV and right outside our gates. Our goal has been to improve the lives of our disabled and elderly residents by enabling them to maintain their independence after they give up their drivers' licenses or are unable to drive even on a temporary basis. Prior to this service there was no affordable transportation for individuals in HSV.

Village SCAT has been sponsored by CADC (Central AR Developmental Council) for the past 3 years. They have provided 2 handicapped-accessible vans, which they also maintain, and have paid our office expenses. All drivers, schedulers and coordinators are volunteers. Currently there are 59 Villagers giving their time and service to provide 260 rides a month for residents. Since the used vans CADC has provided us are now high mileage and are frequently out-of-service for necessary maintenance and repairs we feel that it time for our local organization to take responsibility and purchase our own vans. CADC is not financially able at this time to provide us with replacement vehicles.

Therefore, we incorporated in October 2013 as Hot Springs Village Transportation Group and have applied for 501c3 status with the IRA. It is our objective to obtain grants and donations for the purchase of newer vehicles, which we can then lease back through CADC.

Village SCAT maintains an office at 198 Carmona in the Village. We operate five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Drivers pick our riders up at their door and take them to various appointments and shopping. We have become a lifeline for a number of residents that previously had to depend on neighbors and friends to get them to doctor appointments and shopping. Since the beginning in 2010 we have increased our ride volume and continue to see a need within the Village.

Funds that HSV Transportation obtains through donations will be designated for the purchase of a vehicle that will be used to transport individuals in the Village and outside the gates.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss our service and I am interested in attending any meeting to answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for consideration.

Lynda Grasse

915-3303

[Lynda.grasse@gmail.com](mailto:Lynda.grasse@gmail.com)