

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

During National Volunteer Appreciation Week – Sunday, April 21, through Saturday, April 27, 2024 – we at the Volunteer Transportation Center would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the amazing volunteers who literally drive our mission.

As many of your readers are aware, our organization has been in existence for more than 30 years and, in that time, has been served well by countless volunteers. These volunteers spend hours upon hours each week ensuring Northern New York residents get where they need to be when facing seemingly insurmountable transportation barriers. Our volunteers use their own vehicles to take folks to medical, dental, and mental health appointments, as well as cancer treatment and renal dialysis.

In 2023, this added up to approximately **209,511** volunteer hours across; Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Oswego Counties, Western New York and the Southern Tier, driving more than **5.9 million** miles.

Our volunteers are at the heart of what we do. It's been said the size of a volunteer's heart is measured by the level of commitment they make to the community they serve. During this week of recognition, we – the staff, boards of directors and clients served – cannot express our thanks loud enough for the good work volunteers do each and every day to serve our community.

Please join us in applauding all volunteers working to keep the people in our communities healthy.



Sam Purington
Executive Director