## **STARS:** Driving service welcomes volunteers, donors

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if possible. The shorter the notice, the less chance of finding a driver. Drivers will be available on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Using the Spedsta software, a dispatcher will match the rider's needs with driver availability and schedule the ride. Riders will receive an explanatory email when they are matched with a driver.
- The rider will be contacted by the driver when the scheduled trip date is near to confirm pick-up location,

date/time/location of the appointment, and any special requirements. All STARS rides are round-trip.

All STARS drivers have passed background and insurance checks. Drivers will not accept any form of compensation for their generous effort.

The Spedsta software used to track and coordinate this ride-sharing program was developed and first implemented in San Diego and is now in use in more than a dozen cities. A \$1,200 donation from an anonymous supporter covered the first year's rental of the software, and a donation of \$500 from the City of Sisters Community Grant Program covered the installation and training

costs. For the past several

months, the STARS action team responsible for this "good-neighbor" transportation has spent many hours testing and refining this ride-share system for Sisters Country. The action team includes Jeremy Davis, Tom Gonsiewski, Marcy Kuhlman, Toni Landis, Ann Marland, Rennie Morrell, and Karen Waddell.

AFSC is a 501(c)(3)incorporated in 2018 to recruit and support action teams to tackle the challenges faced by underserved Sisters Country residents of all ages.

The prioritized findings and goals of the Senior Alliance, Sisters Country

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AFSC board members are Ren Broomhead, Dixie Eckford, Jeremy Davis, Beverly Halcon, Chris Laing, Toni Landis, and John Griffith.

## TO GET INVOLVED...

Volunteers and donations to support the work of AFSC or specifically the STARS program are always welcome. Visit their page on Facebook or at www. agefriendlysisters.com (under construction) or contact AFSC at agefriendlysisters@gmail.com, or call 541-904-0143 for more information.







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