HOPE Mission Statement
The mission of the HOPE Program is to serve our senior parishioners by helping with as many of the more demanding tasks and trials of their lives as possible. As volunteers, we are directed by scriptural and traditional mandates of the Roman Catholic Church to selflessly serve others in the name of Jesus. We accomplish this on physical, emotional and spiritual levels by providing needed services to our senior citizens.

Contact: Pat Gordon at 268-1818

Volunteers are available in the HOPE office to receive calls and provide assistance Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. At other times a message can be left on the answering machine and a volunteer will return the call the next working day.

Services provided by HOPE

TRANSPORTATION
We will provide transportation locally (within 1/2 hour distance one way) to medical or hospital appointments, banks, pharmacies, hair dressers and weekend masses at Holy Eucharist. Only one type of service is provided as requested.
We require 2 to 3 days notice in order to arrange a transport.
No extra stops are to be made along the way unless prior notice has been given to the HOPE office, and it is agreeable with the driver.

COMPANIONSHIP ~ SOCIALIZATION ~ RESPITE CARE
We will visit with the client once each week for 1-2 hours to help dispel some of the effects of isolation and to provide some relief or a break for the primary caregiver.

GROCERY SHOPPING
We will provide grocery shopping by:
1) Obtaining a list of 10-15 items from the home-bound client and doing the shopping for them. The client may be specific in regards to the store and items, such as Acme, Murphy's, brand name, size, etc. We will take coupons and cash and provide a receipt with change to the client upon return.
2) Transporting the client to the market, helping with the shopping and returning within a 2 hour time period. Making this request 2-3 days in advance is necessary to arrange a driver for this service.

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE
We will make telephone contact visits 1-2 times per week to help dispel some of the effects brought on by the home-bound client's isolation.

OTHER
We will provide assistance with information about Dementia/Alzheimer's disease, legal problems, medical situations and spiritual needs.
RESTRICTIONS TO THE ABOVE

- Only one type of service is provided as requested. No extra stops are to be made along the way unless prior notice has been given to the HOPE office, and it is agreeable with the driver. Otherwise, please call the office to have another transport provided.
- We regret that we are not able to provide pick up from the hospital following the discharge of a patient. A limited of three transports will be provided each month.

Other links:

Burlington County Services
NJ Medicaid
Social Security
Trenton Diocese Ministry for Maturing Adults