

Join Our Program

Become a Visitor

If you would like to help by visiting or making a call to an isolated elder or disabled adult in your community. Training and support are provided to volunteers.



Obtain a Visitor

If you are an elder or disabled adult and would like a weekly call or visit from a volunteer in your community.

Also contact us if you are a family member/friend of someone that may benefit from a visit or call.

Establish a Visiting Site

All faith based groups, churches, parishes, synagogues, and community agencies are encouraged to establish a Neighborhood Friendly Visitor Site.

Our staff will provide information about being a site, training, recruitment, and ongoing support.

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Neighborhood Friendly Visitors



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The Neighborhood Friendly Visitor Program



The Neighborhood Friendly Visitor Program (NFVP) is a community-based program that provides weekly visitors to isolated elders and disabled adults in Rhode Island regardless of race, color, or creed.

NFVP was developed in 1978, funded by the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs, and administered by the Diocese of Providence.

Our volunteers offer support and friendship through face to face visits and telephone calls, keeping folks connected to their communities and easing the isolation some elders and disabled people feel.

What is a Friendly Visitor?

A Friendly Visitor is a volunteer who checks in with elders or disabled people to provide social outlets and offer a connection to the community.

Friendly Visitors check in once a week via telephone or face to face for about an hour. Visits could include doing a hobby, sharing some tea, playing cards, praying, or enjoying conversation.

Can I Receive a Visit or a Call?

Any elder or disabled adult that is homebound or residing in any elderly care facility is eligible for this program. There are no income guidelines and no fee for this service.

Friendly Visitor volunteers are available state-wide. Volunteers have supplied personnel references, received training, and passed a background check through the Office of the Attorney General.



Establish a Friendly Visitor Site in Your Community



We encourage all faith based groups, churches, parishes, synagogues, and community agencies to establish a Neighborhood Friendly Visitor Program in their local communities.

To establish a NFVP site, contact our office. Staff is available to meet you or your group to discuss how the program works. Our staff will also assist the new site coordinator in implementing the program locally.

All adults, teens, children families, and volunteer groups are welcome to become Friendly Visitor Volunteers.

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