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Anoka County Honors Medlink Volunteer Drivers

Fifty volunteer drivers for Anoka County's Medlink Transportation Program were honored during an Oct. 22 luncheon at the Banquets of Minnesota in Fridley.

Between Sept. 1, 2018, and Aug. 31, 2019, volunteer drivers racked up a total of 137,843 miles on 6,885 trips, driving passengers primarily to veterans' medical facilities in Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Ramsey, and Maplewood, as well as other clinics and medical facilities. Anoka County Medlink drivers contributed 9,157 hours of service. That represents more than 380 days.

Commissioner Scott Schulte, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners, lauded all the drivers for their service.

"While we can attempt to put a monetary value on the service provided by our volunteer drivers, in reality their true value is immeasurable," Schulte said. "This positive action means so much to the people our Medlink drivers serve."

Several drivers were specially honored for their long years of volunteer service with the Medlink Transportation Program: 5 years of service — Dianne Pederson, Mike Reider, Doris LaVoi, Jim McGrath, Lonnie LaRose, Gerald Barbour, Eugene Auge; 15 years of service — Laura Louis.

The top three drivers who logged the most hours, miles and trips over the past year were also recognized: Mike Reider, 7,076 miles, 342 hours and 234 trips; David Westphall, 7,900 miles, 430 hours and 256 trips; David Adrian, over 13,000 miles, 700 hours and 540 trips.

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Volunteer drivers were recognized recently for their years of service to Anoka County’s Medlink Transportation Program. From left: James McGrath, Commissioners Matt Look, Mandy Meisner and Robyn West, Laura Louis, Dianne Peterson, Commissioner Scott Schulte, Mike Reider, Jerry Barbur, Doris Lavoie, Commissioner Mike Gamache, Lonnie LaRose, Commissioner Julie Braastad.



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Several volunteer drivers with Anoka County’s MedLink Transportation Program were recognized for logging the most miles in the past year. From left: Commissioners Matt Look, Mandy Meisner, Robyn West, David Westphall, Commissioner Scott Schulte, Mike Reider, David Adrian, Commissioners Mike Gamache and Julie Braastad.

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