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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TEAMS
(Tri-Valley, Inc. Elder Advocates for Medical Services) PROGRAM

Tri-Valley, Inc. is pleased to announce the development of a new program being offered to elder clients. This program is called TEAMS (Tri-Valley, Inc. Elder Advocates for Medical Services).

In today's ever changing healthcare system, many elders dealing with multiple health issues are in need of help navigating through an often complex system. The TEAMS program provides skilled volunteer advocates trained in the team approach. Volunteers drive and accompany elders to doctor appointments, treatment or other medical events to act as an advocate and/or surrogate family member. Their role is to coach, support and empower elders to take charge of their health care, assist in asking questions, record details from the physician and provide information to caregivers as requested.

Jayne Cacciapuoti, Community Support Services Director states, "TEAMS clients benefit from the volunteer advocate's involvement in many ways. With increased and improved communication with the medical provider comes greater understanding of their medical issues and better compliance, leading to stable or improved health."

Tri-Valley, Inc. is currently recruiting volunteer advocates for this program and encourages people to share life experiences, learn new skills and find meaningful ways to give back to their communities through volunteering. To find out more about this exciting new program and positive volunteer experience, please contact Jayne Cacciapuoti at (800)286-6640 or email at jcacciapuoti@tves.org.

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