

Welcome to the winter edition of The Rider!

The hustle and bustle of the holidays is already upon us. I can't believe how quickly this year went!

I want to thank all of you for being a part of the Drive Happiness family this year. As this organization continues to grow to meet demand, I hope we never lose that feeling that each and every one of you truly are a part of this family. By the end of this year we will have completed an astounding 18,000 rides and our volunteers will have given over 20,000 hours of their time providing rides to our seniors.

I look forward to what 2019 will bring and hope you will all continue to be a part of our journey.

From all the staff at Drive Happiness, we wish you a safe and happy holiday!

Shannon L. Gill
Executive Director

Winter Safety

- *Wear non-Skid Shoes, keep a cup of sand or salt handy to spread before you walk, keep your hands out of your pockets and free while you walk to help balance yourself or break a fall.
- *Take precautions when shoveling: warm up & stretch before you start to avoid back injuries. Ask for help :)
- *Bundle up! Having a stroke, arthritis, or diabetes, can contribute to loss of body heat and hypothermia so dress warm.

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\$ payments@drivehappiness.ca \$
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PLEASE NOTE: Our office will be closed Dec 22 through Jan 1st.

Please plan ahead and book your appointments through Jan 7 with the office by Dec 21!

We will be back Jan 2, 2019.

A Little Reminder

Please remember when booking your ride, our drivers are volunteers! This means rides are not guaranteed but we do the best we can based on driver availability. If there is no driver available we will call you the day prior to your appointment so you can make other arrangements. We appreciate your patience and understanding!



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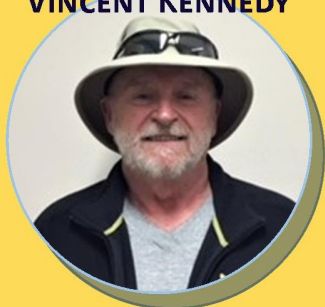
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We love our VOLUNTEERS

Meet some of our wonderful volunteers

VINCENT KENNEDY



When did you start volunteering? May 23, 2018

Place of birth? Glace Bay, Nova Scotia

What is your favorite movie? Dune (1984 directed by David Lynch)

A place you would like to visit in world? New Zealand

Why do you volunteer? I feel that these people are the ones who have made Canada what it is today. We need to look after them.

JEREMY KIEFTENBELD



When did you start volunteering? May 17, 2017

Place of birth? St. Albert, Alberta

What is your favorite movie? Lord of the Rings Trilogy (2001-2003 directed by Peter Jackson)

A place you would like to visit in world? I would like to go back to Holland.

Why do you volunteer? I volunteer because I feel like it is really important to bridge the gap between our seniors and our youth because we can learn from each other. We live in such a fast paced world and when I do a ride, I can slow down and establish a presence with people. I love to listen to their stories.

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20th Anniversary Celebration



On November 29, Drive Happiness celebrated 20 years of serving seniors with a lunch at the Westin Edmonton hosted by CTV's Bianca Millions. We were thrilled to have 120 people in attendance, including representatives from the City of Edmonton, Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada. Our riders, drivers and other guests joined together in honouring our founder, Doreen Armstrong and celebrating all that has been accomplished over the last 20 years. Thanks to all our sponsors for their support. Here's to the future!

FROM ALL OF US AT
DRIVE HAPPINESS ☺

*We wish you
Joy, Peace, Hope, & Love*

**THIS HOLIDAY
SEASON**

'Tis the season for giving... As 2018 rapidly comes to a close, many people are looking to donate to charities. Please consider sharing about Drive Happiness, a registered charity. Donations can be made online at drivehappiness.ca, or by mail: 10740 19 Ave NW, Edmonton, T6J 6W9. Cheques must be post-marked on or before December 31 to be eligible for a 2018 tax receipt.