



Senior Resource  
ASSOCIATION

*Promoting Independence in Our Community*

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## **John's Island Foundation Purchases Immediate Response Vehicles for Senior Resource Association**

Thursday, December 28, 2023, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, Fla. – Senior Resource Association (SRA) is proud to announce the purchase of two vehicles through a capital grant generously funded by the John's Island Foundation. The vehicles provide immediate, reliable transportation for SRA's Case Management team to reach vulnerable seniors in need of help to remain safely in their own homes.

Older adults at risk of isolation, abuse, neglect, or in need of supportive services for health and safety reasons, rely on SRA for a lifeline of programs: Meals on Wheels, Emergency Meals on Wheels, Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services, Emergency Alert Response, Adult Enrichment & Respite, and Emergency Home Energy Assistance. Program response requirements vary but, in many cases, case managers visit at-risk seniors within 24 hours because they may be in imminent danger. The SRA team must act promptly to assess the situation and develop and implement a care and safety plan.

To facilitate SRA's commitment to quick response, the John's Island Foundation funded two new lift-back style Subaru Imprezas, ideal for serving new and existing senior participants. Team members frequently bring essential supplies when enrolling or reassessing aging adults. They provide wheelchairs, walkers, and other durable medical equipment, personal care and hygiene items, emergency meals and food pantry supplies, and small kitchen appliances. Trustworthy vehicles with easy access for loading are a great asset to our program.

"Adults over the age of 60 make up 39% of IRC's population so demand for SRA's services continues to grow. Ensuring our team members have reliable transportation readily available is imperative to reach seniors in their homes in a timely manner," says Karen Deigl, SRA President and CEO. "With so many vulnerable adults in our community living on the edge of crisis, SRA is proud to continue our mission to help seniors remain independent as long as safely possible," she adds.

The John's Island Foundation recognizes the importance of funding capital projects for local non-profit organizations. Their \$55,000 grant supports SRA in the delivery of essential services that offer a lifeline of support to older adults in Indian River County. The new vehicles ensure the continued immediate response and delivery of quality care to our neighbors who need it most.

**Senior Resource Association, Inc. (SRA)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the Area Agency on Aging's designated Lead Agency for home and community-based care for the elderly in Indian River County. Since 1974, SRA continues to provide essential services and support for the community's older adults and their families. Promoting independence and dignity for all adults, SRA programs include Meals on Wheels, DayAway Adult Enrichment & Respite, In-Home Services, and Public Guardianship, as well as public and door-to-door transportation services. SRA is the Community Transportation Coordinator for Indian River and Martin counties, as designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and has operated Indian River County's public transit program, GoLine, since 1992. To learn more, visit [www.SeniorResourceAssociation.org](http://www.SeniorResourceAssociation.org).

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