



**From all of us at iTNSunCoast,  
We wish you and your family very Happy Holidays!!**

In the spirit of meeting your transportation needs during this joyous time of year, please let us know as early as possible if you will need a ride around Christmas and New Years. Give us a call (941-364-7530) and put in an early ride request.

### **Holiday Office Hours**

The iTNSunCoast office will be open until noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. Even though the office will be closed at certain times around the holidays, you are welcome to make ride requests for any day over the holiday weekends.

### **Important Change in Eye Appointment Rides**

We just received notice that the funding from the grant that pays for rides to eye appointments is running out. As the result, beginning January 1, we can only provide for free one way of your trip to eye appointments. We will have to charge you for the return trip. We are hoping that the grant from Regeneron will be renewed and that free rides both ways will begin again in April.

### **We Need Your Help!!**

iTNSunCoast is a non-profit organization that relies on fundraising and grants to cover 40% of our annual budget. Unfortunately providing transportation services is expensive. We purposely keep our rates low in order to be affordable by as many people in our community as possible. Please help us continue to help you and remember us during this holiday season by making a contribution to iTNSunCoast.

**Thank you for being a member/supporter of iTNSunCoast!!**



## **Special Thanks to Our Volunteers!!**

What can we say except that we have the best, most dedicated and most inspiring volunteers in the universe!! You are terrific and we wish you and your family a holiday season full of joy and wonder!!

## **Welcome Back!!**

This is also the time of year when many of our friends return to the Sarasota area from the summer away. We are thrilled to hear the familiar voices of both our member and volunteer drivers who are returning for another winter in paradise! To make ride requests, to get answers to any questions you may have, or to simply say hello, give us a call!

## **We Need More Volunteer Drivers**

In order to fulfill the increasing number of ride requests we are receiving, we need your help in finding more volunteer drivers. If someone you know has as little as an hour a month and is looking for a way to make a difference in a person's life, please have them call us at 941-364-7530.

## **Friendly Reminders**

- iTNSunCoast office hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. If you call us after 2 pm, we will get back to you the following day.
- **You may request a ride for any purpose, on any day, at any time. Please make your ride request by 1 pm the day before you want a ride.**
- We have expanded our service area. We now provide rides from Bradenton to Englewood, including Longboat Key.
- **When you call to make a ride request, please be prepared to give us your pick-up and destination addresses and the times when you want to get picked up for both portions of your travels.**

***Happy Holidays from the iTNSunCoast Staff!!***

Arthur Lerman, Executive Director

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