



Summer Camp with AgeWell

Travelers Aid was proud to partner with AgeWell, a program of the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department, for this year's Summer Camp. AgeWell continues to expand opportunities that support the health, wellness, and social connection of adults ages 60 and older. As part of the partnership, Travelers Aid provided PRONTO cards and bus vouchers to help participants access transportation to their summer activities through our *RIDEFinder* Program. By helping remove transportation barriers, and encouraging use of guided public transportation, we made it easier for older adults to participate in enriching experiences and stay connected to their community.

Exploring Balboa Park

The first day of Summer Camp featured a guided walking tour through Balboa Park, where participants explored the park's rich history and beautiful gardens. Following the tour, the group gathered at the Balboa Park Senior Lounge for lunch and an opportunity to connect with one another.



A Day in El Cajon

Day Three brought participants together for a fun outing in El Cajon. The day began at the El Cajon Transit Center, where Travelers Aid provided transit training before participants boarded the bus to the Olaf Wieghorst Museum. At the museum, participants explored a collection of Western-inspired artwork and exhibits. Following the visit, the group enjoyed a walk to Golden Corral, where they shared lunch and spent time connecting with one another.

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Travelers Aid is grateful to partner with AgeWell to make these meaningful experiences more accessible. With grant funding from SANDAG and MTS bus passes, Travelers Aid provides transportation support and transit education that help older adults stay engaged, explore their communities, and strengthen connections with the people and places around them. We look forward to continuing our partnership with AgeWell and expanding access, mobility, and connection for older adults throughout San Diego.



Client Testimonial

John Farrell

John Farrell grew up in Minneapolis and has called San Diego home for the past 30 years. John enrolled in Travelers Aid's City of San Diego-funded *Senior Solutions* Program last year and through the program, Travelers Aid provides John with safe, reliable, and free transportation to his medical appointments, giving him greater comfort and peace of mind.

Although John lives in a central location with access to public transportation, his immunocompromising condition can make riding the bus a health concern. Having a dependable ride allows him to avoid unnecessary exposure to illness while traveling to important medical appointments. It also removes some of the stress from his day. Instead of worrying about catching the bus or arriving on time, John can enjoy his breakfast, get ready at his own pace, and know that reliable transportation will be there when he needs it.

John also appreciates the personal support he receives from Travelers Aid staff. He shared that he is not very tech-savvy and prefers not to text, so having the ability to call Travelers Aid directly and receive assistance scheduling his rides makes transportation much easier to access.

For John, *Senior Solutions* provides more than just a ride.



It gives him a safe and dependable way to access his medical care at no cost to him, along with the reassurance that there is someone at Travelers Aid he can call when he needs assistance.

Welcome Nicoletta Meo-Cook!

Nikki is Travelers Aid Society of San Diego's newest staff member; she joined us in early August as Case Manager. With a commitment to serving older adults and those in need, Nikki believes in creating meaningful connections and making a positive difference in the community. Through compassion, collaboration, and service, Nikki is committed to helping build a stronger and more supportive San Diego.



Join Our Team of Volunteer Drivers and Tourism Ambassadors!

Do you have a passion for helping others and a few hours to spare? Or do you know someone who has a passion for travel and love sharing your adventure tips?

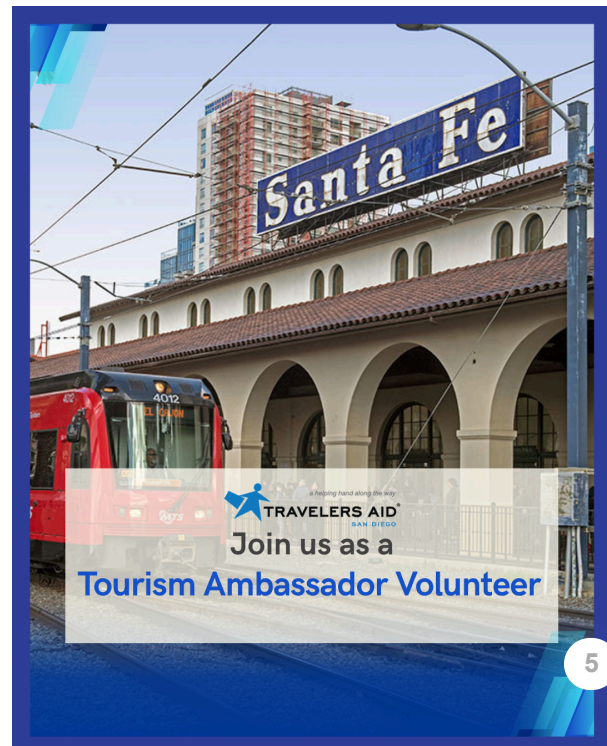
We're on the lookout for dedicated volunteers to join our amazing team!

Become a Volunteer Driver:

- Earn a vehicle stipend for rides you provide
- Make a positive impact in your community
- Meet some amazing and appreciative clients

Become a Volunteer Ambassador:

- Be part of a vibrant community at the iconic **Santa Fe Depot Train Station** in downtown San Diego!
- Help guide visitors to our beautiful city and attractions



Have questions? Reach out to our

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