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**RRCS Medical Transport Van Brought On-site to the Lake**  
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Residents of east Orange County now have a more convenient way to catch a ride in a medical transport van: one of the vehicles operated by the Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services organization under its Care-A-Van Program has been placed in Lake of the Woods.

In a unique Memorandum of Understanding with LOWLINC, RRCS will provide one of its Care-A-Van transport vehicles to drive residents of the Lake and surrounding areas to medical appointments. Six LOWLINC volunteers who have taken the training and been qualified by RRCS will be available to drive the van.

Jeff Flynn, president of LOWLINC and RRCS volunteer, and LOWLINC Treasurer Joe Sakole are the force behind making this happen. "The RRCS medical transport van has been an important service for 13 years," says Jeff. "With a van placed here at the Lake, our drivers will not be making the 30-mile round trip to Culpeper to pick up the van and then deliver it back. That saves a lot of time for our drivers, reduces wear and tear on the vehicle, and most importantly, makes it possible for us to provide more rides." Jeff added, "We are currently in a 90-day pilot period of having the van here. We have every expectation of making this a permanent arrangement."

Lola Walker is the RRCS liaison for this initiative. "RRCS is very happy to be partnering with LOWLINC," she said. "Our mission is to provide comprehensive services to the citizens of our five-county area, and having the van at Lake of the Woods under LOWLINC's care will be a great partnership and transportation resource for citizens in the Locust Grove area."

The van is available for transportation to healthcare and legal appointments, with a focus on senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Service availability is Monday-Friday, with a minimum of 48 hours notice. Call 540-825-3100, ext. 3358 or 3013.

RRCS is a regional provider of human services covering five counties in the Piedmont--Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock. LOWLINC is the new service organization dedicated to helping Lake of the Woods residents stay in their homes independently and safely for as long as possible.

