



SENIOR CITIZENS OF PATAGONIA

AT A GLANCE

General Services:

The Senior Citizens of Patagonia provides services to seniors (60+) and handicapped citizens.

Applicant Status:

Private, Non-Profit

Primary Service Areas:

Patagonia, Sonoita, Elgin and Canelo

Service Days/Hours:

Mon-Fri 7:00 am – 7:00 pm and as needed when possible. Sat and Sun as needed.

Transportation Funding

Sources: 5310

No. of vehicles: 3

No. of vehicles under lien: 3

No. of service sites: 2

Providing transportation

services since: 1992

Annual Ridership: 1,399

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The Senior Citizens of Patagonia, Inc. is a 5013 (c) non-profit organization located in Patagonia, AZ. The mission of the Senior Citizens of Patagonia, Inc., is to serve and support senior citizens and disabled persons of any age who live in the Patagonia, Sonoita, Elgin and Canelo areas through assistance with transportation, nutrition, health, education and social services. The Patagonia Senior Center provides a location for congregate meals and social events.

The transit program has been in place since 1992, and is sustained by a volunteer transportation manager and several volunteer drivers. The service area is defined by the northern, eastern, southern county lines, and by a north south line running through mile marker 12 on Arizona highway 82. Clients are taken anywhere within a one hundred mile radius of Patagonia, excluding Mexico.

This transportation service is the only non-commercial option available to seniors and medically disabled in this area. Most of the service is performed between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, M-F. However because volunteer drivers are the base of our staffing, most transportation needs can be met with planning. Services are only limited by the ability to secure a volunteer driver.

The Transportation Director participates regularly in Transit Coordination meetings held in Benson and fully appreciates the information shared at these gatherings in terms of cost savings and service enhancement.

Identified unmet needs include operating funds to support the existing transportation program, a web based dispatch scheduling system, funding to effectively market the program, and money to service the handicap lift. One of the vans has over 101,000 miles, is used extensively each week, and will need to be replaced within the next two years.