



News Release

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Medical Motor Service of Rochester & Monroe County, Inc. Awarded \$75,000 Donation from Robert Hurlbut and the Hurlbut Care Communities

Rochester, NY – July 11, 2024 – Medical Motor Service of Rochester & Monroe County, Inc., a nonprofit organization providing transportation services to children, adults, and senior citizens with specialized needs, is honored to announce it has received a donation of \$75,000 from Robert W. Hurlbut, President and CEO of the Hurlbut Care Communities, to maintain, improve, and expand transportation services by replacing vehicles nearing end of life. This highlights the commitment of Mr. Hurlbut and the Hurlbut Care Communities to supporting MMS' mission of providing specialized transportation for community organizations, as well as individuals with disabilities and special needs to improve their independence and quality of life.

Tim Kohlmeier, Executive Director of Medical Motor Service said, "On behalf of Medical Motor Service, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Hurlbut Care Communities for their generous donation. MMS continues to support those in our community with mobility needs and challenges, and this donation will go a long way in supporting our fleet and operations. Your support is invaluable to us, and we deeply appreciate your commitment to helping us serve our community."

Transportation for people with IDD, and those with disabilities in general, has experienced consistent barriers. The US Department of Transportation in 2022 noted "...an estimated 25.5 million Americans experience a travel-limiting disability. Mitigating transportation-related barriers for people with disabilities would enable new employment opportunities for approximately two million people with disabilities and save \$19 billion annually in healthcare expenditures from missed medical appointments alone."

Robert W. Hurlbut, President of Hurlbut Care Communities, said, "We are glad to connect with Medical Motor service. Their staff are dedicated to filling this need in the community. At Hurlbut Care we strive to make healthcare accessible and cost effective for all. We are pleased to see this funding will go to use to help many in the Rochester area."

What is today's Medical Motor Service was first founded by the Public Health Nursing Association during the influenza epidemic. The agency originally relied on volunteer drivers to transport doctors and nurses to area flu victims. The first full-time driver was hired in 1922, and for many years the agency was totally supported by charitable donations, as there was no government aid for specialized transportation. In 1931, the demand for the small agency's services grew, and it was expanded to serve area hospitals, clinics, and social service agencies. It was at this point that it was formally incorporated as 'Medical Motor Service'.



If a member of the public is interested in MMS' transportation services, please call us at 585.654.6030 x 245, email us at info@mmsnys.org, or visit our website at www.mmsnys.org.

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Robert W. Hurlbut is the President and CEO of Hurlbut Care Communities and is the third generation. Hurlbut Care Communities operates 11 skilled nursing homes in the Greater Rochester area. His son Robert G. Hurlbut is working as the Vice President. Together and along with their dedicated staff of over thousand staff consisting of nurses, therapists, social workers, activities staff, housekeepers, laundry workers, dieticians, office staff, nurses aides, maintenance staff, and dietary staff help care for 700 residents at any given time. Both Roberts were inspired by previous Hurlbut generations and dedication for caring for the elderly.

Medical Motor Service of Rochester and Monroe County, Inc. is the only not-for-profit specialized transportation organization in the Greater Rochester Area. Our mission is to provide specialized transportation for community organizations, as well as individuals with disabilities and special needs to improve their independence and quality of life. Our vision is to improve independence and quality of life for everyone regardless of ability.