



EXTERNAL OUTREACH

Spotlighting Andre's Veteran Owned Transport



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The ITD-PT (Public Transportation) family just got bigger with the addition of Andre's Veteran Owned Transport (AVOT)!

AVOT208 is a non-emergency medical transportation company based in Idaho Falls that provides services to veterans, the elderly, individuals with specialized needs and the underserved population in our community. They provide rides to medical appointments, counseling sessions and other important meetings.

"Our primary focus is on serving veterans and the underserved population, including individuals who may face financial constraints, limited mobility or other barriers to transportation. We understand these individuals often face unique challenges in accessing vital services and we are here to bridge the gap." - AVOT website

AVOT208 began as LK Transport in 2020 during the height of the pandemic. Larry Standfield, their fearless leader, had some experience in this area as his parents had done non-emergency medical transport in the past. But he had no idea how great the need for this service was, and soon began to see the impact. During a time when the world had shut down, people still needed non-emergency medical transport. Medical appointments and dialysis appointments were still not just needed but essential. Larry and LK transport were there for them.

In 2023, Larry was invited to our transportation summit and introduced to the Public Transportation team. Since then, the name has changed to AVOT208, and they are applying for grants and looking at some unique and exciting ways to increase their footprint.

AVOT and Larry had an impact on the community from the beginning – before they received any funding from the federal government. In 2023, AVOT provided 50,000 non-emergency medical transport rides in multiple districts in our state. Non-emergency medical transit is based on demand/response, which means they call and schedule a ride, and someone comes to their curb for pick up. Some people are medically fragile, and they become close with their drivers. This is the most rewarding, as well as difficult, part of a driver's job.

AVOT is looking to add on-demand ride services, especially focusing on taking riders from rural areas to urban areas, which brings a layer of quality of life to many.

If you or someone you know needs non-emergency medical transport, please call AVOT at 208-360-4647. You can schedule a ride through their [website](#), which also features blogs and information about their services. Thank you, AVOT, for your contribution to our community!



