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We are in need of:

- Drivers to take individuals to church or community events
- Friends for coffee and games
- · Kitchen items: pots, pans, utensils, home décor, furniture
- Landscaping helpers: bring and plant flowers, trim trees, or maintain flower beds
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