



**SANTA MARIA WISDOM CENTER**  
LIFE STEPS FOUNDATION, INC.

**Santa Maria Wisdom Center Receives Grant for New Buses  
to Support Round-trip Transportation and Meal Delivery**

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**SANTA MARIA, CA** -The Life Steps Foundation was awarded a grant in the amount of \$292,400.00 from the Department of Transportation (CalTrans) via the Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Grant Program. The grant will fund one (1) R Medium bus, three (3) Large buses, four (4) mobile radios, and Tom Tom GPS equipment.

“This is such a blessing,” said Linda Gadbois, Program Director. “We provide round-trip transportation to and from the Center which is required by most of our 55 daily participants. Another 25 participants are served daily by our Blue Plate Program that delivers meals to the elderly in our community that are considered ‘shut ins’. For some of our participants, this is the only hot meal they will receive each day”.

The grant will make it possible for the Santa Maria Wisdom Center to continue to serve the community well, particularly the frail elderly and adults living with disabilities.

**About the Santa Maria Wisdom Center**

The mission of the Santa Maria Wisdom Center (SMWC) is to prevent, delay and reduce the premature institutionalization of low income, frail elderly and adults with disabilities allowing them to remain at home long as possible. The SMWC provides comprehensive adult day health care services including on-site nursing care and medication management, physical and occupational therapy and rehabilitation, recreational activities, round-trip transportation to and from the SMWC, breakfast and a hot noon meal daily.

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