Project Lifesaver – Iowa

Project Lifesaver is a project that provides a tracking system to locate individuals who have the tendency to wander and become lost, including those with Alzheimer’s Disease, Down Syndrome and Autism. Individuals enrolled in the program wear a bracelet on the wrist or ankle and emits a radio signal every second. The wanderer is located using receivers that pick up this signal, which is specific and personalized for each individual.

Project Lifesaver International is available in several states, and serves numerous counties in Iowa, including: Woodbury, Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto and Sioux.

If an enrollee wanders, the caregiver notifies local Law Enforcement and a search is initiated using certified trained tracking personnel. Search and rescue times are drastically reduced from hours and days to minutes.

If you would like to enroll someone or have questions about the program, please call the Big Sioux Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association at 712-279-5802, ext 23, or the Sioux City Police Department at 712-279-6424. The process and all requirements of the enrollment will be explained to you.

The cost of the transmitter (bracelet) is $300.00 and a $10.00 monthly maintenance fee is charged for battery replacement. Special Scholarships, lease options and State funding may be available for those who cannot afford the initial and/or ongoing cost.

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