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# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS UNVEILS NEW BUS FOR GREECE SENIOR CENTER**

*Medical Motors to Utilize New 20 Passenger Mini-Bus*

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** was joined today by Greece Town Supervisor **John T. Auberger** and Medical Motor Service Executive Director **Bill McDonald** to announce that the County has leveraged State funding to secure a new 20 passenger mini-bus to be used for the Greece Senior Center.

*“Given the fact that transportation consistently ranks in the top three concerns of seniors, we are excited to provide this important resource,”* said County Executive **Brooks**. *“By accessing this State funding without impacting the County budget, we are increasing the availability of senior transportation that will improve the quality of life for our seniors in Greece, especially those who are no longer able to drive.”*

The mini-bus, which was purchased with \$39,714 in funding from the New York State Office for the Aging, was secured to accommodate the increase in seniors attending the new Greece Community and Senior Center. The new 20 passenger mini-bus replaced smaller, less accessible 12 passenger mini-bus.

*“County Executive Brooks has proven time after time that she is committed to helping seniors in our community,”* Supervisor **Auberger** said. *“This continued partnership with Monroe County helps to serve our seniors and improve the services we offer. I am thankful for her efforts on our behalf.”*

The County contracts with Medical Motor Service to provide the Senior Transportation Program for many of the senior centers in the County. The County Office for the Aging allots a certain number of transportation hours per week to most Senior Centers in the County, however the Greece Senior Center has continually "maxed out" the number of hours allocated to their Center. In fact, just last year, Medical Motor Service provided over 6,600 one way trips to the Greece Senior Center.

As a result of a limited number of available transportation hours, the only way to meet the increased demand was to purchase this larger mini-bus. Thanks to this mini-bus, more seniors will be able to attend the Senior Nutrition Program at the Greece Center thereby providing them the opportunity to receive a healthy meal, socialize with others, and remain living independently. In addition, the mini-bus may also be used for shopping and banking and recreational outings.

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