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## A social-travel app, a network for private investors, and more



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Our mission is to provide physically challenged individuals throughout Chicago and the suburbs with safe, reliable, comfortable and courteous transportation at an affordable cost.

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Our mission is to provide a friendly voice for caregivers, support, advice and disabled individuals who desire companionship, and assisting family members by spending time talking with their loved ones.

**Special Needs Chicago:** Based in Wheaton, this business provides non-emergency, wheelchair-accessible transportation services in the Chicago area. "After 10 years coordinating transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, it's clear to me that I want to focus my business on customer service, not sales volume," owner Michelle Dacy says. The business also offers companion calls for people nationwide — light, friendly

10-minute conversations that can be scheduled one to seven times a week.