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[ITNAmerica Named to Forbes 2026 Accessibility 200 List](#)

Maine-based nonprofit recognized among global impact-makers working to make the world more accessible

Westbrook, Maine — [ITNAmerica](#) has been named to the [Forbes 2026 Accessibility 200 List](#), which recognizes global impact-makers working to make the world more accessible through innovation, service, technology, design, mobility, communication, and more.

The list includes companies, people, and organizations from 23 countries that are helping to make the world more available to everyone. ITNAmerica is the only organization in Maine selected for the 2026 list.

“Transportation, and the freedom and mobility it affords, is one of the most basic human needs,” said Katherine Freund, Founder and President of ITNAmerica. “For 30 years, ITNAmerica has helped older adults and people with mobility challenges remain independent, connected, and able to live fully in their communities. Being named to the Forbes Accessibility 200 List is a meaningful recognition of that work, and it comes as ITNAmerica prepares to launch America’s Volunteer Driver Center, a national campaign to recruit the volunteer drivers communities need.”

ITNAmerica began in greater Portland in 1995 as the Independent Transportation Network, now ITNPortland. From that local beginning, ITNAmerica created the first and only national nonprofit transportation network for older adults and people with mobility challenges. Today, the network includes 204 nonprofit transportation providers reaching from Hawaii to Wyoming and Maine to Florida.

ITNAmerica supports this large and rapidly growing network through technology, training, education, public policy, and social research. More than a decade before Uber delivered its first ride and before ride-hailing became a household concept, ITNAmerica was building a national model that used volunteer drivers, private vehicles, and community-based support to help older adults remain safely in their homes and communities as they limit and eventually stop driving.

With support from Maine Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, ITNAmerica is now launching [America’s Volunteer Driver Center](#) and a national public information campaign to recruit 150,000 volunteer drivers by changing the way Americans think about and support transportation for our aging population.

Working with a national coalition of leaders from the business, philanthropic and nonprofit sectors, America's Volunteer Driver Center has been planning the information campaign for two years. The goal is bold and practical: to become to nonprofit volunteer transportation what the Red Cross is to blood donation by connecting people who want to help with the nonprofit transportation programs that need volunteer drivers to meet the need for rides in rural and suburban America.

"Volunteer drivers make independence possible," Freund said. "They help older neighbors get to medical appointments, pick up prescriptions, buy groceries, stay connected, and continue living in the communities they know and love. Forbes' recognition affirms that transportation belongs at the center of the accessibility conversation."

About ITNAmerica

ITNAmerica is the first and only national nonprofit transportation network for older adults and people with mobility challenges. Founded in Maine in 1995, ITNAmerica supports community-based nonprofit transportation providers through technology, training, education, public policy, and social research. ITNAmerica's programs help older adults remain independent, connected, and able to live fully in their communities.

About America's Volunteer Driver Center

America's Volunteer Driver Center (AVDC) is ITNAmerica's newest program and the national center of the public information campaign for volunteer driver recruitment. Developed by ITNAmerica with support from the Federal Transit Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AVDC aims to recruit 150,000 volunteer drivers to support nonprofit transportation providers across the country.

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