WASHINGTON, D.C., December 10, 2015 – AARP Driver Safety is seeking bilingual volunteers to help keep older drivers independent, safe and confident on the road.

AARP Driver Safety offers the AARP Smart Driver course, the nation’s largest classroom and online driver safety course designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. More than 16 million participants have gone through AARP Driver Safety classroom and online courses, taught by more than 4,000 AARP Driver Safety volunteers.

“Helping people learn how to be safe behind the wheel is very rewarding,” said Chao Chi, an AARP Driver Safety volunteer based in Southern California. “People who attend our courses find the information we provide very practical and easy to understand. They are also pleasantly surprised to find that after they complete the course, they may qualify for a discount on their car insurance.”

AARP Driver Safety volunteers are fully trained and make a difference in various roles, including organizing and teaching classroom courses in their local communities, locating potential classroom host sites and promoting local AARP Smart Driver courses and other related events. There is also a big demand for bilingual speakers in all roles.
“Our bilingual volunteers help drivers who don’t speak English or speak English as a second language,” said Daphne Kwok, AARP Vice President of Multicultural Leadership, Asian American and Pacific Islander Audience. “If we find more bilingual volunteers, we can really grow our Driver Safety program and offer more classes in cities around the country."

To learn more about becoming an AARP Driver Safety volunteer or to learn how to refresh your driving skills, visit aarp.org/drive.

ABOUT AARP Driver Safety
AARP Driver Safety first launched in 1979 as the “55 Alive” program to help keep older drivers independent, safe and confident while on the road. Today, AARP Driver Safety continues to meet the needs of older drivers through leading educational programs that include the AARP Smart Driver Course, CarFit, We Need to Talk, and the Driving Resource Center. The flagship AARP Smart Driver Course is the nation’s largest classroom and online driver safety course and is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. Over 16 million participants have gone through AARP Driver Safety classroom and online courses, taught by more than 4,000 AARP Driver Safety volunteers. The courses are available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. To learn more visit www.aarp.org/drive or follow us on Twitter @AARPdsp.

About AARP
AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of nearly 38 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities and protection from financial abuse. We advocate for individuals in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name as well as help our members obtain discounts on a wide range of products, travel, and services. A trusted source for lifestyle tips, news and educational information, AARP produces AARP The Magazine, the world's largest circulation magazine; AARP Bulletin; www.aarp.org; AARP TV & Radio; AARP Books; and AARP en Español, a Spanish-language website addressing the interests and needs of Hispanics. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. The AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. AARP has staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Learn more at www.aarp.org.

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