Volunteers needed for transportation survey

HARLEM VALLEY—The Foundation for Community Health is looking to collect information from local residents on transportation needs in the area.

The survey, which consists of a double-sided questionnaire sheet, asks information about the needs and destinations of people who have used public transportation in the past or would be interested in using public transportation in the future.

Last year the foundation created a local transportation task force consisting of volunteers and representatives from local municipalities and community groups, as well as interested citizens. The task force was formed in response to the cancellation of the county’s LOOP bus service to the immediate area in early 2009; it has since been working on providing some kind of public transportation service to area residents.

The foundation is currently working with the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development’s Transportation Council, and will be providing the county with study results that will help design future routes.

The survey can be anonymous, if so desired, and any personal information collected during the process will not be used after the survey is finished. All surveys need to be collected by March 23. Interested residents can call the foundation, toll free, at 800-695-7210, to receive a copy of the survey; send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to return it in. Surveys are also available to print out at ichealth.org, or can be picked up at the foundation’s offices at 155 Sharon Valley Rd., Sharon, Conn.