



## SENIOR SCROLL

### SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

#### Senior Resource Services Expands

Senior Resource Services is feeling growing pains. As you all know, we provide a wonderful service for our Seniors. The word is getting out and we are taking the initial steps to expand our office hours to the afternoon. Since April of 2009, our volunteers gave 34 rides to senior appointments and the month of September 2009 we grew to 80 rides. It is an unbelievable amount of growth in a short time. Our new non-profit is gaining visibility and with that is some assistance with funding from the area mobility group that is assisting us to increase our office hours to 4:00 daily. We want our services to grow to help all the seniors in the Weld county area that need our assistance. **Our new hours will be 9:00-4:00, Monday – Friday.** Our new employee working in the afternoon from 1:00-4:00 starting November 2<sup>nd</sup> is **Betty Powers**. She will be answering the phones, assisting at fairs, and preparing grants. Her title is Administrative Assistant and will have similar duties to Becky Sperber who answers the phones from 9:00-1:00.

In addition with a grant received from the Daniel's Fund we have expanded our services to northern Weld County to include Eaton, Windsor, Ault and Nunn and Pierce. Since last spring we have been providing free transportation, to go to Dr. appointments and grocery shopping for our new clients in Windsor. We hired a Northern Colorado Coordinator who lives in Eaton to coordinate our services. Her name is **Laura Young**. The position is very similar to Lynn Weitzel's, our current Volunteer Coordinator, but they will have different areas to coordinate. We're excited to have Laura and Betty join Senior Resource Services.

Just a reminder that we do not take our clients outside of Weld County to appointments or events, however, we do have some names of individuals who will provide these services for pay. Call our office for contact information.

#### You Are The Answer To My Prayers

We have heard these words many times, but this specific statement was from an adult child living out of state. Living in this mobile society, many of the adult children have moved away from their parents to find jobs, education, or for a variety of reasons and that leaves a huge void in assisting their elderly parents. Even if they are able to visit while their parent has surgery, the ability to stay during the entire recovery time is

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#### **Mission Statement**

***We are a non-profit  
organization assisting the  
elderly and their families in  
addressing the issues of aging.***

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not possible. We can help fill in that need. We have "Special Friends" that can go to visit and or take their loved ones to the follow-up Dr. appointments and grocery shopping. We become the extra eyes and ears of the adult child.

#### Prayer Shawls

The unfortunate part of volunteering with Senior Resource Services is the loss of the connection you have made with one of our Seniors when they pass away. This is as difficult for our volunteers as it is for the family. Recognizing this SRS is giving prayer shawls to our volunteers and client's families. If you would like to help us by knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl, please contact our office for a pattern. Senior Resource Services is also working on a Volunteer Bereavement booklet that we hope to have available in December.

#### Holiday Hours

We will be **closed** for Thanksgiving from **November 25-November 27**. We will also be closed for the Christmas holidays **Dec. 24 and Dec. 25** and again during the New Year holidays **Dec. 31 and Jan. 1**. If you have appointments during our closure dates, please call our office in advance and we will schedule your volunteer.



#### Inclement Weather

Just to remind our volunteers and clients that during inclement weather we do not ask any volunteer to provide transportation for our Seniors. Most of our Seniors would rather not get out during bad weather and for everyone's safety we ask that the appointments be cancelled. Please call our office at 352-9348.



#### Grandma's Goodies

If you have not already submitted your recipes to Senior Resource Services, please do so. We are creating a cookbook entitled Grandma's Goodies. There are no better cooks than our elderly who have tried and true recipes. We would like everyone involved with Senior Resource Services (clients, volunteers, Board Members and employees) to send us some of your favorite recipes and maybe a little description on why you sent that particular recipe. After we gather the recipes, we will print our Grandma's Goodies cookbooks and sell them as a fund raiser. We have a volunteer who is typing up the recipes for us and we want to keep her busy. Please participate in this worthy cause.

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### Honor a Life, Make a Difference

We encourage our Senior clients to keep their adult children or loved ones informed of their requests at the time of their death. We hope that you have appreciated the services we provide and that these services will be available for many years to come. You can help ensure that SRS continues by naming Senior Resource Services in your last will and testaments, and/or by making a tribute by stating in the obituary contributions can be made in your memory to Senior Resource Services. A gift to Senior Resource Services serves as a lasting tribute to our departed loved ones, both in our memories and in those lives it touches.

This is just a reminder that we do accept donations and please remember Senior Resource Services when giving memorials. This is such a valuable service for our elderly and the community.



### Information and Referral Booklet

Thanks to the gift from Wells Fargo Bank, DeeAnn Groves the Executive Director of Senior Resource Services will be able to fulfill one of her many lifetime goals. For several years we have been gathering information to compile an information booklet for Seniors. For those of you who remember WIRS (Weld Information Referral Services) that provided direction and answers for everyone, we want to become the Senior WIRS. When Seniors call with questions, we strive to help them, or provide them with contacts. We will be publishing a booklet to compile volumes of information into an easy to use booklet that will be given free of charge.



### Volunteer Spotlight

**Jean Raile      Becky Barnes**  
**Freda Rady     Jack Stringer**  
**Nancy Sharify**

Each month we honor our volunteers in a small way by giving them a small gift. We ask all volunteers to complete a Volunteer Activity Log and submit it to the office by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the following month that they volunteered. These logs can be completed on-line at [www.seniorresourceservices.info](http://www.seniorresourceservices.info) under the volunteer tab or they can be mailed to 1802 16<sup>th</sup> St. Greeley, CO 80631, faxed to 970-352-5437 and if you want to drop it by the office that is great too. We utilize these hours when writing grants for funding. Once we receive the activity log, the volunteer is entered into the drawing.

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Jean Raile received a gift certificate to Hunan Imperial for turning in her April hours on time. Jean began volunteering for SRS in April of 2008 when she was recruited by her daughter, Becky who works in the office of SRS as an Administrative Assistant. Jean is a retired doctor's assistant and when she isn't traveling will transport our Seniors to appointments. Jean enjoys crocheting, knitting and reading if she has any spare time.

Becky Barnes is one of our Eaton volunteers and has been with us since April 2009. Becky enjoys reading, walking, snowshoeing and skiing. She has spent many hours volunteering with Right to Read and Meals on Wheels. She received a gift card to Palominos.

Freda Rady has been involved in volunteering for many years, but just joined SRS in August 2009. Freda was also recruited by her daughter, Lynn Weitzel, Volunteer Coordinator for SRS. Freda enjoys reading and sewing. She received an Egg & I gift certificate for submitting her hours on time.

Jack Stringer is one of our few male volunteers and he has assisted us since May 2008. Jack just enjoys being with people. He is currently volunteering at the Bridge doing a variety of duties. Jack received a coffee mug and snacks.

Nancy Sharify is one of our Windsor volunteers. Another SRS volunteer recruited her. Nancy enjoys walking, biking and traveling. She has been with SRS since June of 2009. Nancy has volunteered for numerous years for UCCC, RSVP and at a local elementary school. She is a busy lady, but we're happy she has time to help our Seniors. Nancy received a gift certificate to Johnny Carinos.

This is just a reminder to all of our volunteers to submit their Activity Logs by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thank you for your dedication. We couldn't do it without your participation.

## **Volunteers**

We are growing at a fast pace. As of this newsletter, we have 131 clients and 79 volunteers. In order to meet our growing client base, we have expanded our search for volunteers. We are recruiting college students and this summer we used several high school students. Most of our students need volunteer hours for their classes. It is sometimes difficult to work around their busy schedules with classes, but they are more than willing to spend time with our Seniors. Our hopes are to never turn a Senior away and as of this time we have been able to fulfill that goal. Our Seniors need to be at least 55 years old, and live in Weld County. Income has nothing to do with the services we provide and there is never a charge.

## **Senior Scroll Newsletter**

Senior Resource Services decided not sending out our newsletter saved us money on postage, but is not providing our Seniors and volunteers with information. Our goal for this next year is to be more accessible by phone and mail. Our "Senior Scroll" will be published at least quarterly, if not more often. We are open to suggestions for our newsletter.