

# SENIOR SCROLL

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## Over 100 turn out for First Annual Valentine's Day Fundraiser

February 14th, 2012 marked a special day for Senior Resource Services, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in Greeley who held the first annual Valentine's Day Event, "An Evening of Music and Roses". This event was made possible in part thank you to the event sponsors. Many generous businesses contributed to the evening which included a silent auction, cocktails, dinner and dancing. Senior Resource Services has grown over the last five years and held the event to raise both funds and awareness for the organization and the services that it provides to the community. Guests enjoyed dancing the night away to the sounds of Frank Sinatra live as performed by Denver favorite, Derek Evilsizor. St. Michaels' Room with a View was the perfect backdrop for the night which drew over 110 attendees from all over Northern Colorado. 'Frank Sinatra' will be joining us again next year for the event on February 14th, 2013.



### Event Sponsors:

Phelps-Tointon, Inc., Poudre Valley Health System, Ehrlich Family of Dealerships, Garden Square Assisted Living, Visiting Angels, BeeHive Homes, Campbell Chiropractic, P.C., and MeadowView of Greeley.



### Upcoming Events

- Soup in a Sack - April 15th, 2012
- Volunteer Appreciation—stayed tuned and check your mail— coming in April.
- Picture Perfect Day—March 30th see page 2
- Sundae in the Park— Sept. 9th, 2012

## AmeriCorps VISTA Joins SRS Staff



A recent graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Chris decided that it was the optimal time and to give back to the community and discovered that AmeriCorps VISTA could provide him with the chance to serve the country in charitable way. He arrived in Colorado at the end of November to begin a year long journey of service. In upcoming months he is eager to accomplish a myriad of ambitions whether it be experiencing the outdoor life of Colorado to becoming a strong asset to Senior Resource Services and helping the organization grow .

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## SRS Gets a New Look

As many of you know, we are growing; and with that growth has come new staff members, new events and now, a new look. We are currently in the process of updating all of our print material and have updated our transportation request process as well. You will notice a new design beginning with this newsletter, our brochures, and packets among other things. Senior Resource Services had also made the switch to using an online calendar system which will now allow all of our staff members to view the transportation request schedule from their computers. Please be patient with us as we make these updates, and enjoy the new look!

## Process Reminders

**Senior Clients**—If you need to make several stops during your requested trip, please let the office know that when you schedule your request. This way the volunteer will reserve the amount of time needed to provide the transportation. As Senior Resource Services continues to grow at an amazing rate, it is very beneficial to the Volunteer Coordinators if the Seniors can give us 5 days notice before the needed day of transportation to match them with a volunteer.

**Volunteers**—If you are transporting Seniors, please call your client a day or two before the scheduled time. This allows you an opportunity to introduce yourself, tell the client what color vehicle you are driving and arrange what time the Senior needs to be picked up. Usually when the office takes the client’s request we take the appointment time and the volunteer and client can arrange the pick up time.

## Coming Soon: Soup in a Sack

Chris Heim has initiated the second annual Soup in a Sack Project. The Soup in a Sack program will consist of a variety of canned soups, canned fruit, peanut butter, tuna, popcorn, etc. to those seniors in need of support. These filled sacks will be delivered to those in need by volunteers from throughout the community. In the recent weeks Chris has been working diligently with students and volunteers from UNC and AIMS as well as local establishments in Weld County to help support this cause. To ensure that we can help provide as many seniors as possible, we are asking our volunteers to contribute to this cause by donating any canned good or packaged items that will assist in filling the sacks. If you are interested in contributing to this cause you can drop an item off at our office throughout the month of March and early April.

## Garden Square to offer Glamour Photo Shoot Free of Charge

It promises to be a ‘Picture Perfect Day’ as Garden Square of Greeley Assisted Living and Memory Care will be offering this special day free of charge to seniors! Get dressed up and made-up for glamour type photos taken by professional photographer Tami Medhurst and makeup by Merle Norman makeup artist Jessica Morgan. Friday March 30th from 10am to 3pm, get a picture with your loved one or best friend. If you are interested in participating, please call Lasha for an appointment, as they are necessary.



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## Volunteer Spotlight



If you are a volunteer and you mail, hand deliver or complete your volunteer activity log on line at [www.seniorresourceservices.info](http://www.seniorresourceservices.info) under the volunteer tab by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month, then we enter your name into a drawing. The monthly winners are listed below:

**Donna Dosch** has been volunteering for Senior Resource Services since 2007 shortly after Senior Resource Services opened its doors. She enjoys reading, golf and walking. Donna won a King Soopers gift card for submitting her November hours.

**Linda Hull** won a Café Mexicali gift card for her December hours. Linda not only drives our Seniors to appointments, but she updates the Senior Resource Services scrapbook. In her spare time when she isn't volunteering Linda enjoys walking, scrapbooking, beading, cross-stitching, reading and cooking.

**Richard Moore** submitted his January hours and won a Farmer's Inn gift card. Richard began volunteering for SRS in January 2012. His interests include: photography, reading, lighthouse history, and gardening.

As always Senior Resource Services thanks all of our volunteers who assist the elderly. We also want to thank the many generous businesses in the community who have donated these gift cards to recognize these compassionate volunteers.

With your help Senior Resource Services is now helping 312 seniors. In January 2012, volunteers provided our Seniors with 442 single one-way rides.

## April 11, 2012 First Advisory Council

In order to better serve our Seniors, Senior Resource Services has gathered a diverse group of community members to serve on an Advisory Council. The Council Members are: Dave Todd, Lynette WasseMiller, Lea Prothe, Richard Griess, Michelle Silva, Marc Ledford, Judy Tergeson, Dr. Rick Budensiek, Richard Wood, Kristen Ebens, and John Best.

The purpose and focus of the Senior Resource Services (SRS) Advisory Council is to provide guidance, suggestions and input related to:

Programs for Seniors

Volunteer Recruitment

Seminars

Resources for additional funding

Community Connections

This information will assist the Board of Directors and Executive Director to better enhance and grow the services needed for the seniors in our community.

## Community Events

### Laughter Fun for Laughter's Sake

Laughter exercise and activities, a total mind and body pick me up!

**Mar. 23rd 2-3pm Greeley Senior Center room #3**

### Get "On the Ball"- basic fitness:

One session program teaches how to use the exercise ball at home.

**April 24th 9:30-10:30am Greeley Senior Center**

50 Athletes Over 50: Author Don McGrath chronicles the lives of these athletes. Come hear these motivational stories.

**May 15th 10-11:30 Greeley Senior Center**

### Aspen Club Walking Groups:

Wednesdays once a month (the last Wed. every month).

**Starts May 30th 8am at Glenmere Park**

## It's Tax Time-Need Help?

Taxpayers who earn less than \$49,000 can get help preparing and e-filing their taxes for free at Aims Community College through Tax Help Colorado, a program funded by a grant from the Denver-based Piton Foundation. Aims has helped more than 2,000 Weld County tax payers claim more than \$3 million in federal and state refunds in the past three years through the program. Students from Aims and the University of Northern Colorado, as well as community volunteers, will be helping with tax preparation this year. "Tax Help Colorado has been a tremendous success and is an extremely rewarding experience," said Aims Accounting Instructor Gina Jones.

Interested parties should bring the following documents: All W-2, 1099 and other income-related documents, proof of mortgage interest, property taxes, daycare payments, college education expenses, charitable contributions and all other tax-deductible expenses, Social Security cards for all family members, a copy of last year's tax return, if available bank account number and routing number to direct deposit refunds (direct deposit refunds will be received in 7 to 10 days)

Tax Help Colorado will be operating at Aims Community College on the following dates: Greeley campus / WSTV 614 Mondays, Feb. 6 through Feb. 27, 4 to 7 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 3 through April 13, 1 to 7 p.m. (except for March 9 and 16) For more information, call the Colorado Information Line at 211 or visit [www.piton.org/TaxHelpColorado](http://www.piton.org/TaxHelpColorado)

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