



Helping Hands for Seniors

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From the Desk of DeeAnn Groves

When you reach a certain age, you start thinking of life changes you have experienced, and you wonder what life holds for you in the future. That is what is taking place with Senior Resource Services. We will be 9 years old in April (doesn't seem possible). This baby of mine has grown by leaps and bounds. We are providing transportation for over 720 seniors in Weld County. There are other needs we seniors have other than medical. We feel better when we go to the beauty shop, events at the Senior Center and other activities that help meet our psycho-social needs. We presently drive the van 3 days a week and will be adding another day very soon. Our walls at the office are closing in on us as we presently have 5 of us in 3 offices and 1 waiting room. We always have room for visitors so stop by and say, "Hi." We are establishing our respite program OARS (Older Adult Respite Service). A training was held and we have 9 ladies that will provide a couple of hours a week of companionship only for the exhausted caregivers. It is a very much needed service, and we hope to expand it over the years to assist our caregivers caring for their loved ones at home. We have Janet Bedingfield on board now and she is assisting me with Outreach and Development. She is doing a great job. Our Board of Directors is very active in all of our events, the board meetings, and are guiding our organization down an excellent path for the present and future. Thanks to all the staff, friends, volunteers and seniors that make this organization what it is today and what it will be in the years to come.



**DeeAnn Groves, MA Gerontologist
Executive Director**

Senior Resource Services Board of Directors

**Pat Allnutt, Ross Blackmer, Will Jones, Lisa Mangum, Kent Naughton, Paul Rainbolt,
Susan Reeman, Liz Sage, Gretchen Truesdell, and Linda Zumbrun**

These individuals are giving of their time and talents to assist Senior Resource Services in providing the best assistance we can for our senior population. Many, many thanks for your devotion and wisdom to Senior Resource Services.

Greeley Philharmonic Tickets

Those of us hurrying through our busy, active lives can only try to imagine the thrill a senior who can no longer drive would get from attending a live performance of the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra with a Senior Resource Services volunteer. Company AND the finest entertainment! The Greeley Philharmonic board recently made a very generous offer of free tickets for our clients to attend a Sunday afternoon performance, but the timeframe was short and we weren't able to get it organized. We'd like to be prepared for the next time we receive such a wonderful offer, and we need your help to achieve that. If you are either a volunteer driver or a client with SRS who would like to attend such an event, please send us an email at staff@SeniorResource.comcastbiz.net or call 970-352-9348 and we'll contact you as opportunities arise. What an incredible partnering this could be!

Colorado Gives Day

Do you love the simplicity of being able to do things from the comfort and warmth of your own home, especially on a cold day? The online giving opportunity “Colorado Gives Day” was set up a few years ago by the Community First Foundation to make it as easy as possible to support Colorado’s non-profits. This year’s event is December 8th. You can set up your donation at any time, though scheduling your payment to post on the actual event day of December 8th will help us qualify for our share of the 1.2 million dollars in matching funds! While getting matching funds is the ideal, donations are accepted and fully appreciated through December 31st. The popularity and success of this online giving event have been phenomenal, and the cost to the agencies involved is minimal so that nearly all of your contribution goes directly toward providing services to our clients. This year SRS has joined the Weld County Collaborative, consisting of 28 Weld non-profits, and the Greeley Tribune has stepped up with a very generous promotional package. We are working together to be more effective and to make your donation dollars go farther. To give, simply click on the DONATIONS tab and then the “Click to donate with Colorado Gives 2015!” link at www.SeniorResourceServices.info, or go to www.WeldCoGives.org, scroll down to the SRS logo, and click on it. These will both take you directly to our donation page on the Colorado Gives web site. Thank you!



Heart to Heart

We are working hard on our new signature fundraising non-event, “Heart to Heart – The need to know we’re loved is ageless.” We chose a non-event because putting on traditional events is expensive, and we’d like to respect your hard-earned donations by putting the highest possible percentage of them directly toward serving our clients. No venue, no band, no catering or centerpieces to pay for, no buying a new dress, and no going out at night in the cold!

Heart to Heart will be a sponsored event, and we’re working on securing those sponsors now. While we’re focusing primarily on senior-related sponsors, we’re looking at all possibilities throughout Weld County, and would love to hear from you if you know of businesses, foundations, or individuals who might be interested in being sponsors with donations of \$250 or more. Gifts at this level and above will be recognized in the invitation to individual donors and/or a follow-up ad in the Greeley Tribune / Windsor NOW.

The second phase of the Heart to Heart event is where our individual donors play a big role. In mid-January, you will receive an invitation to honor or memorialize loved ones. For a \$50 donation we will either send a Valentine’s Day card telling a loved one that you’ve made a donation in their honor, or publish your deceased loved one’s name as a memorial tribute in our follow-up ad on Valentine’s Day, which is Sunday, February 14th. You will have the opportunity to donate by returning a self-addressed reply card, or on our web site at www.SeniorResourceServices.info.

Soup for Seniors 2015

Senior Resource Services’ Third Annual “Soup for Seniors,” held on November 10th at Zoe’s Café, was a delicious success, with many veterans treated to lunch by appreciative friends. Ticket sales doubled over the 2014 event. A big thank you to SRS volunteers, supporters, board, and staff – what teamwork! Soup and cookies were also generously donated by local businesses. A huge thank you to Applebee’s, Café Panache, Cattlemen’s Steakhouse, Chili’s, Greeley Chop House, Coyote’s, The Egg and I, Fat Albert’s, Kenny’s Steak House, The Mad Cow, Moody’s American Grill, Olive Garden, Pellegrini’s Ristorante, Rio Grande Mexican, Rumi’s House of Kabob, The Tavern, Eileen’s Colossal Cookies, and Mary’s Mountain Cookies. Beverages and freshly baked rolls were provided by Platte Valley Youth Services Center’s vocational program.



Volunteer Notes...From the desk of Teresa Schunter

I am in real need of volunteers in the next two months because many of the regulars are on vacation or have gone south until EASTER. Please put the word out that volunteers are the lifeblood of SRS. You are it! Please have your friends call 970-352-9348 to do the paperwork over the phone to become a volunteer.

Volunteers, remember that if a client falls and is unable to get up with just an arm assist, Call 911. Also, if you are not comfortable with the weather situation, call 970-352-9348 and we will try to reschedule the ride...you are a volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS:

1. PLEASE CALL SENIORS AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED PICK UP.
Confirm time date and destination. We have been experiencing some unfortunate events with seniors arriving late to appointments, or more troubling, seniors arriving to a doctor's appointment that doesn't exist or has been rescheduled.
2. You are not asked to take the senior any place but the original request. If you have time and wish to, you may add on destinations. From my direction, if this is inconvenient for you, please tell the senior they will need to call the office and schedule. Kindly say, "That won't work for me today. Check with the office."
3. Go to the house at the scheduled time even if you have not been able to reach the senior before the appointment. Call the office if there is no answer (970-352-9348) Perhaps the phone is down or they have rescheduled and the office is unaware. It may be, unfortunately, a health emergency. In that case, we will immediately call the emergency contact number from our office.
4. If you need to reach me (970-396-7971) and cannot wait until my next office hour occurs, PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE at 970-352-9348.
5. Please encourage your able friends to become a volunteer. If you recruit one person who takes one ride, I will arrange a gift card for you. I really need drivers, especially in the Johnstown, Platteville and Windsor areas.



Van Voice

Our van goes to banks, hair, nails, grocery shopping, and to other non-medical needs.

The VAN **WILL** run on Tuesday, Dec. 8, Dec. 22, and Jan. 5; plus the normal Wed., Thurs., and Friday schedule.

The VAN **WILL NOT** run on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

While Teresa is in Australia, (Dec. 28-Jan. 12), volunteer Mary Seltzer will occasionally drive the van and will substitute for Teresa.

Happy Holidays and New Year 2016!

**How we
keep this
great
service
operating!**

**Donations,
fundraisers,
and grants.**

**Any
donation of
\$1.00 or
more is
gratefully
accepted
and you will
have assisted
a senior to
remain
independent.**

**Thank you,
DeeAnn**

**AGAIN, THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS. YOU MAKE
MANY HEARTS SING!**

Drivers are:

Wednesdays—Ken
Thursdays—Fred
Fridays—Donna
Substitute Driver—John

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Helping Hands for Seniors—VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



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

Pat Tiquet received a Human Bean gift card for submitting her September hours. Pat's volunteerism has been monumental to SRS in providing numerous rides every week. We're not sure how we would fill all our requests for transportation without her. Pat joined SRS as a volunteer in March 2015.

Senior Resource Services has a corporate volunteer program and **Skin Transformations** participates. We are very appreciative to businesses such as this that gives back to their community by allowing their employees to volunteer and assist our elderly clients. The Skin Transformations volunteer, **Lorrie Beamer** has developed a personal friendship with one of our clients and takes her every week to her appointments. Lorrie has been assisting this client since 2013. For sending her October hours, Lorrie won a 4 pack to the Colorado Railroad Museum.

Reminder: If you refer a friend to SRS to become a volunteer, you will receive a gift card for your efforts. As the number of clients continues to increase, we need additional volunteers.

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 serving 712 seniors.