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Mission Statement

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



Grandparent's Day

Four years ago I had a dream—allow seniors to live independently as long as possible. In all my wildest dreams would I expect the overwhelming success of Senior Resource Services. We presently are serving over 190 clients with only 113 volunteers (We do need

more volunteers).

We have expanded our services to northern Weld under the supervision of Laura Young and the Greeley and smaller surrounding communities services are arranged by Lynn Weitzel. We are presently beginning to serve southern Weld County under the guidance of Neal Bryant. You can see how we have grown.

With all the medical changes in Greeley, we have been able to accommodate most requests. Our present guidelines are: Serve only Weld County; and only medical doctors or staff that are a member of the Weld County Medical Society. We will keep you readers up to date of things changing regarding medical appointments.

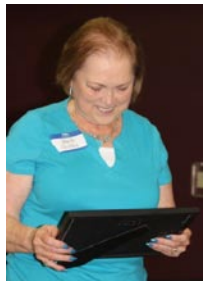
Because of grants and donations, we are able to have longer office hours with Sue Martin in the office during the afternoons. Becky and I fill in when need be. We were thrilled to have our intern Brittany (read her article) and hope to have more UNC and Aims students in the future.

In closing, the staff and I want to invite all of you to our big celebration to honor grandparents. **GRANDPARENTS DAY IS ON Sunday, September 12 and our *Sundae in the Park* event will be held at Sandborn Park at 2:00 pm. Old fashioned cake walks, cupcake walks for children, pop the balloons, music, children's activities and free ice cream, cake and beverages for all attending. Something special will be given to each grandparent as they register. No admission to attend. Hope to see you and all your family there.**

DeeAnn

Special Thanks To Our Great Volunteers

On April 24th, Senior Resource Services hosted a thank you brunch held at the Evans Community Center. All volunteers received a gift card and a certificate to thank them for their devoted service over the year. The Athena Award was given to Beth Gibbs, pictured at left. This award is given to the volunteer who has given the most hours. Beth volunteered 113 hours in one year transporting our

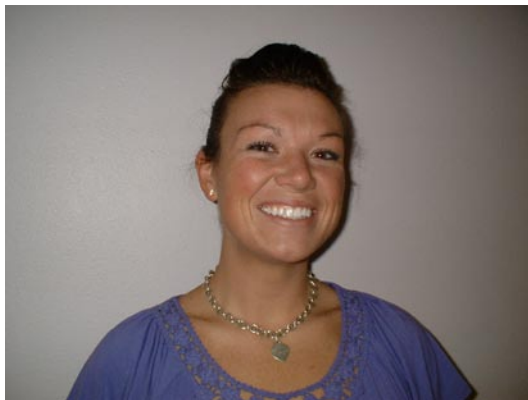


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seniors to hair appointments, doctor and dentist offices and to buy groceries. With Beth's volunteering nature, she also assists the office with projects such as updating our SRS scrapbook, making fans to give away at the community festivals and typing recipes for our cookbook that we hope to someday print for a fundraiser.

This wonderful service would not be available if it weren't all for you pictured below.



UNC Intern Assists SRS

DeeAnn the director of Senior Resource Services was my saving angel when she gave me the opportunity to work with her this summer to finish up my degree from the University of Northern Colorado. My name is Brittany Koklich, and I am the Summer 2010 Senior Resource Services (SRS) Intern. Some of you may have had the opportunity to speak with me on the phone some time or another, but most of you probably didn't even know SRS had an intern.

As a student at the University of Northern Colorado I am working on finishing up my bachelors degree in Communication with a minor in Sociology. I started volunteering with SRS in the beginning of May, and I have to complete three hundred hours of work to receive credit by the beginning of August. Some of the responsibilities I was given this summer were to write, address, seal, and send all of the annual campaign letters. I created the save the date cards that are being distributed, and were sent out with the campaign letter. I designed and made a new brochure to help recruit volunteers. I have helped and been a part of the events committee to plan our special grandparents' day event in September. I shadowed DeeAnn in a couple of her home visits, and then I was sent out to do several of my own. I have provided transportation to a few of our clients, and also help set up new volunteers. I continually help out in the office with clerical work and answer the phones a couple afternoons a week. This internship has allowed me to use the skills and knowledge I was taught at the University to not only gain valuable experiences, but also help Senior Resource Services grow as a non-profit organization.

After my internship with SRS is over, I will be moving in with my own grandmother in Denver to help her out, and hopefully be able to get started with my career. I feel confident that the experiences and knowledge I have gained at SRS and as a person will benefit my career searching, and show potential employers that I have experience, knowledge and valuable insight for my job in the "real world".

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Students Serving Seniors

Senior Resource Services was fortunate to work with UNC students this past spring. Nine UNC students volunteered to help 10 of our Senior clients with a spring yard clean up. In return our clients gave the students cookies, milk and even hamburgers. What a great partnership. These students needed volunteer hours and were happy to help our Seniors. The Seniors thanked the students by cooking hamburgers and giving them cookies.

Coming Soon

Senior Resource Services received funding from Wells Fargo Bank and the Exchange Club of Greeley to publish a *Senior Yellow Pages*. This publication will consist of phone numbers Seniors use and can keep handy without having to navigate the phone book.

Client Reminder

If you are requesting transportation to an appointment, please call the office at 970-352-9348 as soon as you have the date and time. This allows our Volunteer Coordinators additional time to arrange your volunteer. We do request at least a 5 day notice. Also if you have a multiple stops, please let us know that when we arrange for a volunteer they know of your plans so we don't have any last minute surprises as it may not work with the volunteer's schedule. We currently have 190 clients and we are expanding into Southern Weld County. It is your appreciation of our services that keeps us motivated to help the Seniors in Weld County.



Volunteer Spotlight

Julie Nelson, Judy Clarke, Christina Geringer, Beth Gibbs, Marv Johnson, Ethel Condon

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

- January Randy's gift certificate Julie Nelson, a volunteer from Eaton was the lucky winner of a meal from Randy's. Julie came to volunteer for SRS as a Disney volunteer and enjoyed our clients and has continued to assist us. She has volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Weld County 4-H and Eaton Days. You can see she stays involved and we're happy she finds time to assist us.
- February Fat Albert's pie Judy Clarke has volunteered for us for two years and had volunteered for a similar service in Salt Lake County.
- March Notepaper and pretzel snacks Christina Geringer has volunteered for Senior Resource Services several years. Christina has been invaluable to SRS. She has helped many of our seniors with transportation.
- April Village Inn Certificate Beth Gibbs is our premier volunteer. She received the Athena Award this year and you can read more about it in the article above entitled "Special Thanks to Our Great Volunteers".
- May Village Inn Certificate Marv Johnson is one of our newer volunteers in Eaton. Marv stays involved with his church and enjoys the outdoors.
- June Village Inn Certificate Ethel Condon was recruited by our Volunteer Coordinator, Lynn Weitzel in January of this year. Ethel is a retired school teacher and since retirement has stayed busy with playing tennis and skiing.

Another way for our volunteers to receive gift cards is to refer a friend to us that would like to volunteer. Nancy Sharify referred a friend to volunteer and Nancy received a Tres Margaritas gift card.

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You're Invited

Sundae in the Park

Sunday, Sept. 12 @ 2PM

Grandparent's Day

Lots of Prizes, ice cream and cake

Children's Activities

Essay Contest Winners

No Admission Charge

Fun for the entire family

