



# SENIOR SCROLL

## SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

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#### Mission Statement:

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

## Looking For Seniors



DeeAnn Groves conducted a training in August for volunteers interested in providing telephone support for Seniors also known as **Person-2-Person**. In October the Women's Fund of Weld County granted us some funds to coordinate this valuable service. We have the volunteers and now we need some Seniors wanting a telephone buddy. This program is open to all Seniors and to caregivers. There are currently 6 Seniors and volunteers that are already matched up and are building friendships. With the bad weather we recently endured, wouldn't you want someone to call and check to see that you are alright, or maybe you just need someone to talk to—this program is for you. Please call our office at 970-352-9348 to enroll. Our volunteers are anxiously awaiting.

## Grandparent's Day, September 11

Yearly on Grandparent's Day, Senior Resource Services hosts a family event free to the entire community. This year hundreds participated at Sandborn Park. There was cake and ice cream for everyone. All ages participated in the cake walks and there were henna tattoos, face painting, and balloon designs.

Prizes were given for the oldest, most generations and longest married couple in attendance. Pictured above are the winners of the most generation's in one family.



Third grade essay winners is new bicycle  
Liz Sage, Co-Services.



students entered into an contest and one of the pictured receiving his and helmet presented by Chair of Senior Resource

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### How Many People Does it Take?

In order for our Senior clients to understand how this wonderful free transportation program works and the involvement and phone calls made, the office thought you might be interested in knowing the exact process. Of course it always begins with recruiting enough volunteers to meet the many requests. We are currently providing approximately 40 rides a week. Recruiting volunteers is everyone's responsibility. The Executive Director, staff, coordinator, Board Members, senior clients and even our volunteers to spread the word of the wonderful service we provide free to the Seniors in Weld County and if the person would donate only a few hours a week or maybe a few hours a month to help keep this service available to our Seniors.

Once we have the volunteers, the clients seem to find us through word of mouth from other seniors and volunteers. All the person needs to do is call our office and ask to become a client. The only requirements are you must be 60 years or older, live in Weld County and are mobile. Sue schedules a home visit with the new client. Once we have conducted the home visit, the new client calls the office 5 days or more prior to their requested transport. The client provides the office with the date, time and address of the appointment. Then the office staff writes down the request on the Client's Needs Log and e-mails the Coordinator (Amy) with the request. Beginning the end of the prior week of the request, Amy begins to line up volunteers. This takes numerous phone calls to find the volunteers that are available at the requested time. Once Amy has the volunteer secured she contacts the office and the client with the volunteer's name. The volunteer will then call the client a day or two before the requested ride to make the actual pick-up arrangements. All of the client's requests and their volunteer's name are kept on a calendar in the office. It takes many hours of Amy's and the office staff's time to arrange the transportation plus the actual time of the volunteer to call the client and transport them to their appointments.

Then if there is a cancellation, you can see the many hours involved in arranging things with the volunteers. We certainly understand when doctors change the appointments, weather related cancellations or cancellations due to illness. We ask that you be considerate and try not to cancel your appointments less than 5-7 days before your needed transportation. If you should cancel, please call the office. The office then calls the volunteer if it is within a day or 2 of your request if it is longer than a couple of days then the office contacts Amy and she contacts the volunteer to see if they may be willing to take another client.

We've tried to keep the process as simple as possible. The majority of the time it all works well and the most rewarding thing is the appreciation of our Senior clients.

### Holiday Office Closures



**During the Holidays, the Senior Resource Services' office will be closed on:**

**Thanksgiving, November 24**

**Friday, November 25**

**Monday, December 26**

If you have appointments on these days, please call in your requests early and we will fill them, if possible.

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### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

#### Dwane Raile, Diane McVicker, Beth Gibbs, Judith Clarke

As you may remember, Dwane was listed in the Spotlight in the last issue for recruiting a new volunteer, well he did it again. Dwane spoke with Jerry Oster and Jerry began volunteering for SRS in August. Senior Resource Services could not operate without the many compassionate volunteers. Dwane received a gift card to the Village Inn.

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:

- **Diane McVicker** has been volunteering for Senior Resource Services since 2008. Diane used to work in the office taking client requests. After she left SRS to spend more time substitute teaching, Diane began volunteering. Diane won a ticket to the UNC volleyball game.
- **Beth Gibbs** won the Athena Award in 2010 for the most hours volunteering. This special lady, in her spare time, enjoys knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking and spending time with her grandchildren. Beth received a gift certificate to the Egg & I.
- **Judith Clarke** received 2 tickets to the Carmike Theater. Judith has been volunteering for SRS since 2008 and is one of our regular and most reliable volunteers. She moved here from Salt Lake where she volunteered for the Salt Lake County Aging Services and provided transportation for seniors.

#### Welcome Bryndi Peif

Senior Resource Services has seen number of clients this past year and is the need to look at the staffing needs. We have been the payroll as the Development and is bringing with her, extensive non-recently left the Weld County Food Bank and SRS is very privileged to gain her expertise in fundraising and volunteer recruitment. Bryndi is joining us right at this opportune time to coordinate the Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance.



about a 30% increase in the along with this type of growth organization and review fortunate to add Bryndi Peif to Outreach Coordinator. Bryndi profit experience. She

#### Services for Seniors

Reasonable Window  
Washing  
Kent Ferguson-392-1489

Gateway Storage  
2600 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
970-330-0600

#### Videos and Books Available for Check-Out

- Parkinson's Disease
- Alzheimer's Disease and Caregiving
- Goodbyes and Grieving
- Aging Choices

#### Medication Reminders

Do you take several medications a day and sometimes you can't remember if you've taken them? SRS received a grant to purchase medication reminders and we have 3 to give to our Seniors, please call if you need one.

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**Valentine's Day Event--February 14, 2012**



Bring your date and celebrate with Senior Resource Services at a romantic evening with dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$75 each, or \$100 a couple that includes an elegant dinner, music, and dancing with Frank Sinatra (OK he is an impersonator). If you would like to celebrate with your entire family you can purchase a Family Table that seats 8 for \$600.

The event will be held at Room with a View at St. Michaels at 3050 67<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Greeley. This is our fundraiser and since we are a 501(c)(3) you can deduct the majority of your ticket cost on your taxes. What a wonderful way to treat your sweetheart, help a non-profit and reduce your taxes all while you're having a great time, eating a delicious meal and dancing the night away. At this event, there will also be auction items to bid on. Tickets are available at Senior Resource Services at 1802 16<sup>th</sup> Street and for more information call, 970-352-9348.

Senior Resource Services  
1802 16<sup>th</sup> St.  
Greeley, CO 80631



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