



# The EChO

Voice of  
Evergreen Christian Outreach

Fall/Winter  
2011

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## Director's Dialogue ...

"I can't believe I am sitting here...I am really embarrassed to ask for help...I never thought I'd be in this position..." These comments have become familiar ones as the number of new clients who walk through our door continues to grow. The faces are different but the stories have similar themes — ones of disappointment, frustration, sadness, and disbelief. However, amidst the stories of despair, there is an even bigger theme — one of thanksgiving and hope.

Although there are many in our area who are struggling, we are still blessed to be living in such a great country, a beautiful state, and a very caring and supportive community. For all this, we should be thankful. Every day people walk into EChO to donate money, goods, or their time and services to help others. How amazing is that!

Last week our stock of canned goods was critically low — the lowest I've seen in my time at EChO. It was also the first time that anyone could recall running out of chicken noodle soup — that ever-present staple in most food pantries. Several articles appeared in the Canyon Courier asking for help to stock our shelves, and within four days almost 4,5000 lbs. of canned goods and toilet paper arrived at the Food Bank!

What a tremendous response from our community! We received calls from schools, service clubs, and individuals asking how they could help. Not only were we, the staff and volunteers at EChO, touched by this outpouring of generosity, but the clients were as well. Comments such as "Wow, people really do care...I can't believe all the support you have...This is unbelievable" were common.

What a comfort it is to know people care. It's like getting a big, warm hug from the whole community that lets us know it's going to be okay! This generosity allows EChO to offer HOPE — whether it's food for the body, financial assistance to help people hold on until their next paycheck arrives, or hope for the future — new job skills, a place to live, or a chance to improve one's life.

How thankful I am to live and work in this beautiful community where hope flourishes! And how thankful I am for Evergreen Christian Outreach, the dedicated staff, the Board, and the many wonderful volunteers and supporters who contribute so much to so many. May God continue to bless us.

Blessings,

Sharon

## Thanksgiving Meals

The Food Bank will provide Thanksgiving meals starting Wednesday, November 16. We are happy to receive any non-perishable items immediately, and perishable items starting Monday, November 14. We also would greatly appreciate grocery store gift cards. Thank you for remembering us!

### Food Bank Needs:

Turkeys (all sizes)	Instant Mashed Potatoes		
Stuffing	French Fried Onion		Butter
Fresh Potatoes/	Topping		Pies
Onions/Yams	Cream of Mushroom		Whipped Topping
Frozen Vegetables	Soup		Cider/Coffee
Canned Green Beans	Cranberry Sauce	Roasting Pans/Bags	

## Christmas Food Needs:

Christmas meals will be available starting Monday, December 19. You can help us by donating these items to the Food Bank no later than Thursday, December 15. We also would appreciate grocery store gift cards.



Hams (all sizes)	Gravy
Fresh Potatoes	Butter
Instant Potatoes (all kinds)	Pies
Frozen Veggies	Whipped Topping
Condiments (olives, mustard, etc)	Hot Chocolate
Canned Pineapple Slices	Coffee
	Cookie Dough
	Frosting

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### Operating Hours

Monday 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.  
Tues. — Thurs. 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

**EChO Resale:** See Page 7 for details.

## St. Nicks Holiday Celebration



This year's holiday celebration will be different from our St. Nicks Boutiques of years past. On Sunday, December 18, EChO families will be invited to attend our newly designed St. Nicks Boutique and Holiday Party at the Evergreen Elks Lodge. From noon to 4 p.m., families can visit with Santa, parents can shop for gifts for their children, and children can make a holiday craft for their parents.

We need volunteers to help with decorating and set-up on Saturday, December 17, and to help with the event on Sunday. Our "EChO Elves" will help parents shop, and assist with children's activities, refreshments, gift wrapping, and clean up.

New toys and gifts for children new born through age 18 are needed. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the EChO office or St. Raphaels before Thursday, December 15. Gift cards and wrapping paper and tape also are very much appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Bonnie at 303-670-7123. Thank you!

## Holiday Closings

The EChO office, Food Bank & St. Raphaels will close for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 23 at 12 noon. We will close for the Christmas & New Years holidays on Thursday, December 22 at 4 p.m. and reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 10 a.m. Happy Holidays to all!

## Alternative Gift Fair

**When:** Saturday & Sunday  
November 12 & 13  
9:00 am — 3:00 pm

**Where:** Evergreen Lutheran  
Church on Highway 73



# EChO Harvest Celebration

EChO's annual fall fundraiser was held on Saturday, October 1 at the Mt. Vernon Country Club. The live and silent auctions raised approximately \$30,000 for programs and services that benefit EChO families to include: the Make-A-Bed program provides warm bedding, the Education Fund enables qualified clients to improve job skills and employment potential, and the Share the Care program helps defray child care costs for working families. Thank You to our generous guests, and to those who did not to attend but donated to the event.

Hats off to event co-chairs Liz Hawkins & Linda Smith, and to the following volunteers whose hard work and enthusiasm made the Harvest Celebration a truly enjoyable evening: Jan Aiken, Charlotte Bornhouser, Bill Braun, Linda Chowdry, Emily Corey, Nan Davis, Karin Downes, Christy Holbrook, Bob Jones, Bud Madigan, Anna Marie Nelson, Kristi Sigal, Myles Sigal, Rita Sullivan, Jean Wells and Jean Ann Wheeler. A very special Thank You to our financial sponsors and to the businesses and individuals who donated products, services and time. We are blessed with a caring and generous community of supporters!

## Auction & Financial Sponsors



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|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 240 Union                | Evergreen Golf Course     | Nan Davis               |
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| Bornhouser               | Parkway Salon             | Sarah Powell            |
| Chow Down                | Judi Winegar–             | Stagecoach Sports Grill |
| Chrome Salon             | Simply Precious           | Suzanne Staab           |
| Comfortable Home         | Kelly Fairbanks–          | Tallgrass Spa           |
| Creekside Cellars        | Parkway Salon             | Tin Star Café           |
| Cynci Winters            | Linda Castle              | Tuscany Tavern          |
| Dean Haave, CPA          | Linda & Dan Smith         | Village Gourmet         |
| Dogma                    | Margo Carter–Imagine That | Wildflower Café         |
| Evergreen by the Lake    | Mount Vernon Country Club | Willow Creek Restaurant |
| Evergreen Fine Art       | Mountain Home             | Woodcellar Bar & Grill  |

## PRESIDENT'S PEN...

Dear Friends,

I want to dedicate this newsletter to you, our donors and volunteers, because you embody the spirit and love that makes EChO such a special organization. I have been actively involved with EChO since 2003 and have seen it grow in stature within the community, in size through numerous expansions both at the office and Food Bank, at St. Raphaels and EChO Resale, and in its reach to those in need in our mountain area.

And grow EChO did! In 2004 we provided financial (cash) support of \$82,700, increasing to \$157,100 in 2010. In 2008 we received \$133,100 in food and clothing donations. In 2010 these donations were valued at \$337,000. In 2007 total sales at the EChO Resale Shop were \$246,500, increasing to \$398,000 in 2010.

Your generosity is remarkable and greatly appreciated, and is critical in helping EChO serve an ever-increasing client population. In August 2011 (normally a slow month) EChO recorded 899 client visits, some clients returning several times during the month. These August visits represented 435 families including approximately 2,075 individuals — our neighbors needing EChO's help just to put food on their tables, clothing on their backs, and to keep the lights on.

Although this is my last newsletter in my current two-year term as President of the Board of Directors, I am looking forward to serving in other volunteer capacities and hope to see you around EChO.

**Bill Braun**



## Soup's On!

...delicious, nutritious, homemade soup! Clients, volunteers and staff are enjoying a variety of scrumptious soups available daily at the EChO office and prepared each week by area churches: Evergreen Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, Rockland Community Church, Church of the Transfiguration, and Congregation Beth Evergreen. Nothing says "Welcome" like a bowl of delicious homemade soup! A big thank you to the churches participating in this outreach.

## Meet the EChO Board

### Officers

Bill Braun, *President*  
Mike Bornhouser, *Vice President/  
President Elect*  
Liz Hawkins, *Secretary*  
Jean Wells, *Treasurer*

### Church & Community Board Members

Jan Aitken	Pat Korbel
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Sue Boyd	Carla McFadden
Lesla Butler	Marie Radecki
Linda Chowdry	Randy Resnik
Bill Damiano	Judy Sherman
John Ellis	Kristi Sigal
Michael Gies	Rita Sullivan
Liz Hawkins	Nancy York
Bob Jones	

## Thank You!

A heartfelt Thank You to members of the following area organizations for donating generously to EChO in 2011:

- Mountain Foothills Rotary for a gift of \$6,600 presented to Sharon Smith and Bill Braun at our Harvest Celebration.
- Women in Business in Evergreen for choosing EChO as the beneficiary of their Angels Unite fall fundraiser.

And our deep appreciation and thanks to the following business that help those in need by donating regularly to our Food Bank:

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| • King Soopers | • Walmart         |
| • Safeway      | • Beau Jo's Pizza |
| • Chow Down    | • Whole Foods     |

**Joining Hands  
to Help...**



# Mark Your Calendar to Support EChO!

## Colorado Gives Day

**Why:** To support nonprofits that protect & nurture quality of life in our state & worldwide

**When:** Tuesday, December 6 from 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

**How:** Go online to EChO's website: [evergreenchristianoutreach.org](http://evergreenchristianoutreach.org)  
Click on *Colorado Gives Day* icon on left of screen & follow directions



Remember! Your Colorado Gives Day donation to EChO must be made on Tuesday, December 6!

## 9Cares Food Drive

**When:** Saturday, November 12

**Where:** Evergreen King Soopers

**How:** Purchase items for the EChO Food Bank



## CLIENT STORY

### A Story of Homelessness & Hope...

Many folks have come to EChO in recent months without a permanent home or place of viable shelter. There are those without shelter because of eviction, loss of their home due to inability to pay their mortgage, or those who have found work in our area but cannot afford the housing available to them.

Dick and Jane and their dog Spot were referred to EChO through their place of employment, hoping we could help them with their needs. They currently are working in our community and living in their car. We are providing them with food, clothing, showers at least once per week, and laundry money. We also are trying desperately to help them find housing. We can refer them down the hill to shelters, but these are limited and always full. They possibly could find housing in the city, but would use up most of their wages in gas costs.

Other possibilities are a one-night stay in a motel or bed & breakfast in the Evergreen area. However, these temporary options are well beyond their ability to pay especially while they are trying to save for more permanent lodging and, of course, are well beyond our ability to pay. *Please be aware that at least 1200 men, women and children are homeless each night in Jefferson County, with only 44 beds available for emergency shelter.*

The story of Dick and Jane is a hopeful one. They both have employment, want to live in a less populated community where they work and feel safe, and are willing to wait until they have enough saved for housing in their price range. They continue to be upbeat and look at the positive side of what they have. Whatever leads we find regarding housing is passed along to them to check out. We hope that something becomes available before the snow flies.

If you know of housing opportunities for Dick and Jane, please let us know. If you know of options to help us with either emergency or transitional housing, please call us. We would very much like their story, and other similar stories, to have a warm and happy ending.

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

- In 2010 EChO provided almost \$500,000 in food, clothing, and financial assistance to our clients — almost double the 2009 amount of \$256,000.
- We distributed 65 pairs of new shoes to school-age children in August, and our “Back to School Drive” provided backpacks and school supplies for 125 students.
- Through September we helped more than 435 individual households. In August we had a record 899 client visits!
- Our Share the Care childcare program has provided almost \$30,000 to working parents.
- We are GREEN! We recycle everything — for instance, food that is uneatable is passed along for chicken feed!




## Food Bank Needs:

Thanks to the recent generosity of our wonderful community, and donors like YOU, we have only a short list of items that will soon be in short supply:

Peanut Butter (smaller jars)	Canned Fruits Sugar
Hearty Soups Stews	Dishwashing Soap

## St. Raphaels Needs:

New Underwear for Adults & Children	Blankets & Bedding Electric Space Heaters
New Socks for Adults & Children	Household Items
Winter Coats	Camping Equipment: Sleeping Bags
Snow Boots	Tents
Hats & Gloves	Stoves
Men's Work Boots	
Jeans	



## Salvation Army Bell Ringing!

**Ringers Needed!** ECHO will ring bells at Walgreens on Sunday, December 4 and

Sunday, December 11 to raise money for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army helps many in our community and we work very closely with them throughout the year. Please call Mary at the ECHO Office at 303-670-1796 to sign up for a shift.

Happy Birthday, ECHO...

For 25 years of service to  
residents of our  
mountain community!

## Staff Spotlight

### Welcome to Cathy, Lynn, & Pam!

We are excited to introduce three new staff members at the ECHO Office and Food Bank: Cathy Baim, Lynn Kutalek and Pam Hazlett

- ★ Cathy brings a wealth of experience to her position as Director of Client Services. She has worked for other organizations in a similar capacity and is a welcome asset to ECHO.
- ★ Lynn is a longtime, multi-talented ECHO volunteer and an outstanding addition to the staff as our Assistant Food Bank Manager.
- ★ Pam, our Front Desk Receptionist & Office Assistant, has served on the ECHO Board representing Kittredge Community Church.

## “Yogurt For A Cause”

The Café at The Place is “giving it all back”... proceeds from the sale of yogurt, that is. Each time you buy a frozen yogurt, 100% of the sale will help selected local nonprofits, and one of them is ECHO! To learn more about this program, visit [yogurtforacause.com](http://yogurtforacause.com) and stop by The Café for a sweet way to help ECHO!



## Cars Helping Charities

If you buy a new car, please consider donating your old car to **Cars Helping Charities**. You'll get a tax break and we'll get a donation. **ECHO has received over \$16,000 in 2011!**

For details call , 303-670-0921 or go online to [carshelpingcharities.org](http://carshelpingcharities.org).

# Notes From The Shop

## The EChO Resale Shop

### Holiday Schedule

#### **Thanksgiving**

Shop will be closed

November 24,  
25 & 26

Shop will reopen

November 28

#### **Christmas**

Shop will be closed

December 24,  
25 & 26

Shop will reopen

December 27

#### **New Year's Day**

Closed

### Shop Hours

#### **Monday—Friday**

10:00 — 5:00

#### **Saturday**

10:00 — 4:00

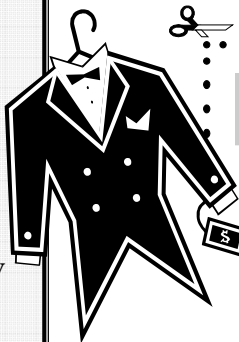
### Donation Hours

#### **Monday—Friday**

10:00 — 4:00

#### **Saturday**

10:00 — 3:00



"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Mother Teresa

To all EChO Resale Shoppers...Please join with us to insure our neighbors are fed and warm and can count on some financial peace of mind this holiday season. Remember...each time you shop at Resale you are supporting the services EChO provides to families in need in our mountain community. Your donations of clothing, furniture, and household items make this support possible. We are grateful for your extraordinary generosity!

The Resale Shop is an amazing resource for EChO. Because we know that many of our neighbors are struggling, we are stepping forward to help raise more funds and we are inviting you to join us. We may not be able to assist the whole world, but together we can help make a difference in our small community — which in turn can change the world. Customers receive 30% off their purchases when they bring in toiletries for the Food Bank on Tuesdays and new, non-perishable food items on Fridays. Extra discounts are given when shoppers donate \$1.00 every time they shop. When you shop at EChO Resale not only is it fabulously fun and financially savvy, you are making a conscious effort to be responsible to the community you live in.

### Special Daily Sales

Monday Merci Mademoiselle

Thursday Two-Fers

Tuesday Toiletries

Friday Feed-A-Family

Wednesday Mid-Week Mayhem

Saturday Special Discounts

\*\*All seniors (60 or better) get 10% off their total purchase any day of the week. Sales will not be added to other sales taking place in the shop

# How You Can Help EChO

## By Volunteering...

- EChO Food Bank
- St. Raphaels Clothing Bank
- EChO Resale Shop
- Drivers to pick up food in Denver
- Professionals to counsel clients needing legal and budgeting advice
- Occasional substitutes for Food Bank & Resale Shop positions

*Call the EChO Office at 303-670-1796*

## By Donating ...

Please consider donating online through [GivingFirst.org](http://GivingFirst.org). This is a safe and convenient way to help EChO...and we receive 100% of all donations.

The process is simple: Go to the EChO website (see page 2) and click on *Donate Now*. Donations are processed by Community First Foundation, ensuring your personal information is secure.

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