



Spring 2013

Honoring Evergreen Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Theresa Dieringer



As a volunteer for the last 2+ years with Evergreen Christian Outreach (EChO), Theresa took the lead in the implementation of the technical side of the new Jobs Center. The website www.EChOJobs.org was designed and is maintained by Theresa. She is especially proud of its multi-function capabilities, with two portals, one for employers and one for job-seekers. She helps with locating jobs, transportation, classes, mock interviews, auctions, employer searches, resumes, and training on appearance for interviews. For EChO Resale Shop, she designed their website and posts items for sale on Craig's List. Theresa also brought EChO Resale Shop to the social media world of Facebook.

As lead Job Coach, Theresa oversees the other coaches, posts progress and placement reports, collects data for grants, organizes job fairs and helps problem solve where needed.

Those she volunteers for all say "Everyone should have a volunteer like Theresa!" Her contribution is especially significant to EChO because it addresses our primary goal of creating sustainability by helping those in the community that are unemployed become self-sufficient and the underemployed improve their employment and financial status. Theresa's work has and will continue to affect the lives of many and will positively impact our community. Thank you Theresa, and Congratulations on being selected as Evergreen Chamber's 2012 Volunteer of the Year!



Bits & Pieces Fashion Show



Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast



Message from the President

Elizabeth Hawkins

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Many people think Evergreen Christian Outreach is all about food. Friends, churches and businesses donate food to our food bank. Schools, scouts and local organizations organize food drives. Food collection is critical as summer approaches and our shelves in the food bank become bare. We are encouraging our clients to make healthy choices and eat healthier meals.

Now we have a program that supports our food program: The King Soopers Neighborhood Reward Gift Cards and Safeway Reloadable Gift Card Fund Raiser. It costs YOU nothing extra but the face value of the card which is equivalent to the costs of the groceries you purchase. By using your card, EChO will receive 5% of the amount loaded. The best news is that you receive just one card for each store.

You buy a gift card from EChO and use the card to pay for groceries and gas. The card can be reloaded for any amount up to \$500. To reload you simply give the card to your cashier before your purchases are scanned so the reloading is paid as a separate transaction. You can also take the card to the Customer Service desk employee when you first enter the store. You pay for the reload amount by cash, check or credit card. Then you can then use the Gift Card to pay for your purchases at any checkout line or a participating King Soopers and Safeway gas stations. You can reload again and again and 5% goes directly to EChO.

Once you get in the habit it is so easy to support your favorite non-profit. Cards for King Soopers and Safeway will be available through the main office and at EChO Resale. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. *Liz*



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A HUGE Thank You to all the local churches who continue to donate to EChO. On April 9, 2013 Jim Shelton, Food Bank Manager recognized the following churches for their generous support.

Christ the King Catholic Church
Church of the Hills
Church of the Transfiguration
Congregation Beth Evergreen
Evergreen Community Church of Christ
Evergreen Fellowship
Evergreen Lutheran Church of Evergreen
First Baptist Church of Evergreen
Indian Hills Christian Fellowship
Kittredge Community Church
Lookout Mtn. Community Church
Lutheran Church of the Cross
Rockland Community Church
United Methodist Church
Wild Rose Congregational Church, UCC

Message from the Executive Director Sharon Smith

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."

- Henry Van Dyke, *Fisherman's Luck*

As we head into May, I don't believe I could have found a more appropriate quote to sum up how most of us have been feeling after our record breaking month of snow in April and into May! I am personally looking forward to adding a little "color" to my life and I am yearning for some green.

Luckily, I don't have to go too far to find "green". While the Muppets sing "It's not easy being Green", at EChO we find just the opposite to be true. Green is everywhere! Of course our obvious "green connection" is the EChO Resale Shop and St. Raphael's Clothing Assistance. We are so blessed to receive such a great selection of gently used items that are either sold in our Resale Shop or donated to clients in need. Items that cannot be used at either Resale or St Raphael's are then passed on to other non-profit organizations.

Even our food bank is green. Food donations come into EChO from a variety of sources, including area grocery stores and restaurants. EChO is not necessarily "the end of the line" for many perishable items. Items that can be shared are often shared with neighboring food pantries. Other items continue on to become food for local sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, and horses. Very little is wasted at EChO!

Green is also associated with growth and rebirth and there is a lot of that happening at EChO as well. As an organization we are growing. New staff, new programs, and renovated spaces help us meet the needs of our mountain neighbors. The EChO Jobs Center and our new "Divine Creations" art studio offer clients an opportunity to grow and blossom as they create a new and better life for themselves. And, what better example of growth and green is there than a garden. EChO is excited to be participating in the Community Garden project here in Evergreen this summer.

And what else is green at EChO? Money! We continue to assist clients financially whenever possible, and we are thankful for the generosity of our community to provide us with these funds.

So, if this time of year has you "**thinking of green**"; **think EChO!** Remember . . . it's easy to be green. Donate your gently used clothing, furniture, or house wares; volunteer to help with our community garden, Jobs Center or Divine Creation Studio; or send us some green. (Cash donations are always needed and appreciated!) Donations can be made online via our web page or you can use the enclosed envelope. Thanks for your continued support.

Blessings,

Sharon

Good News Celebration Breakfast April 16, 2013

EChO was one of 12 people/organizations that was honored this year for Spiritual Values: Inspiring Stories That Enrich our Communities. This is the 2nd year in a row EChO has received an award at this breakfast. The Good News Coalition brings Jefferson County citizens together to celebrate the positive happenings and spiritual values that link our diverse communities.



EChO STAFF

Sharon Smith
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Bookkeeper

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Mary Petrich
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St. Raphael's Assistant Manager

Lori Frease
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EChO RESALE SHOP

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Mike Coleman
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Jennifer Taylor
Floor Supervisor

Walter Domiguez
Jeremy DeLeon
Grayson Evans
Furniture Donations Clerks

Ariel Richards
Inez Sharp

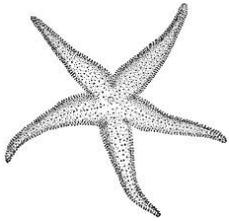
Shelly St. Clair
Donation Clerks

Christine Lapointe
Floor Merchandiser

Paula Mann
Karen Triberti
Cashiers

Sustainability with EChO's Job Center

Cathy Baim, Director of Client Services



A man finds thousands of starfish washed up on a beach and begins to throw them back in the ocean, one by one. A friend says, "It won't make a difference because there are too many starfish to save." The man then picks up another starfish and throws it into the water. He states, "It made a difference to that one."

The EChO Jobs Center is attempting to help individuals in our community that are unemployed become self-sufficient and the underemployed improve their employment and financial status. Our Jobs Center Program began in September, 2012. Forty-four individuals have gone through our Jobs Workshops, been assigned job coaches as well as given clothing for job interviews when needed. Sixteen or 43% have found employment to date. We are encouraged by the positive response of our job seekers regarding this program. Ken Carlson and Bruce Thoms, members of Evergreen Pathfinders, lead our once-a-month job workshop. Our next Jobs Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Douglas Hall on the grounds of the Church of the Transfiguration next door to the EChO main office.

Once the job seekers complete the jobs workshop, they are assigned a job coach. The job seeker and job coach work one-on-one until the job seeker either obtains employment or moves on.

The job seekers have given positive feedback regarding this program. The EChO Jobs Program will be adding other aspects to enhance computer skills and sustainable budgeting in the not too distant future. A job fair to be held in the Evergreen area is in the works for this fall encouraging employers to hire job seekers that live in our community. One of our success stories is a young woman, educated and unemployed due to lack of work in her field of expertise. She found full-time employment with benefits. She is enjoying her new position and has been willing to talk to our job seekers at our work seminars about her journey. Her infectious and positive attitude encourages others not to give up on their job search.

Job Coaches Needed—Come Join the Group

- We are looking for volunteers to be job coaches and volunteers that can teach budgeting techniques for our Job's Program.
- Working Desktop & Working Laptop Computers (Windows 7 or 8)
- Office supplies such as paper, folders, binders, and pens.



Check out the Website and see what we offer.

www.EChOJobs.org

EChO IS ON FACEBOOK!

Please check us out! "Like Us" and "Friend Us" to keep spreading the good news.



Evergreen Christian Outreach
and
EChO Resale Shop

If you wish to receive your newsletter by email,
please submit your email address to:
newsletter@evergreenchristianoutreach.org

Spring at the Food Bank

Jim Shelton, Food Bank Manager

2013 is The Year of Nutrition for the EChO Food Bank! Unlike The Year of the Goat (will eat anything!) on the Chinese calendar, we hope to improve nutrition awareness among volunteers and clients, improve the nutrition available to our shoppers, and improve the nutrition that they actually take.

In pursuit of this goal, EChO is a charter member of the EAS+Y Community Garden, with three shoppers working their own plots and EChO volunteers working our space. Volunteers are still needed to help build this new garden, located in Buchanan Park. Produce from EChO's plot will go directly to the food bank for shoppers. And some produce grown by other gardeners will also be donated to us.

You'll be "feeling the buzz" around nutrition starting this summer, as Katey Greene, Evolve Nutrition in Evergreen develops a program of nutrition awareness and food bank staff stocks up on summertime foods! We'll emphasize outdoor activities and the foods that support them. Watch for our needs list to see what this all means! Fun new themes will be coming all year long.

Building excitement around church and individual donations will hopefully be a byproduct of The Year of Nutrition, since we've seen a decline in nonperishable goods over the last three years. We'll be finding the most nutritious items, promoting them to our shoppers, and - where successful - asking our donors to bring them in!

EChO will be supplying nutritious lunch ingredients to children in our area while school is out. Families can pick up a five day supply of protein, fruit, vegetable, grain, and dairy suitable for school age children once a week. 2012 was a trial year, and families taking part were quite excited and grateful for the support. We hope to expand the number of children beyond last year's 33. Check your email and the EChO needs list for ways to donate to this initiative.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

*Hearty Soups	Canned Ravioli
*Cold Cereal	& Spaghettios
*Canned Fruit	Toothpaste
*Toilet Paper	Razors & Bar Soap
*Diapers – size 3,4, or 5	Toothbrushes
*Spaghetti sauce	Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned mixed vegs	Laundry Soap
Canned Beans & Chili	Cookie Mix & Frosting

St. Raphael's House

Bonnie Imoe, Manager

St. Raphael's Staff and volunteers have been busy bees setting up the Jobs Center, Career Clothing Room & Multimedia Art Studio. EChO's Divine Creations Art Studio will provide alternative income producing opportunities for clients using second-hand, recycled materials and supplies. We are currently in need of wooden storage cubes & plastic milk crates in order to store the art studio supplies in an easily accessible manner for the artists. We are aiming to begin class schedules this summer, once we have the supplies set up and ready for use. In the meantime, we are looking for computer graphics design volunteers to help create greeting cards and a new EChO artwork calendar. We are also looking for volunteers to explore marketing the possibility of online product sales. If you are interested in either of these positions, would like to volunteer to teach a small art class, or have art supplies or storage crates to donate, please contact Bonnie at St. Raphael's House @ 303-670-7123 or stop by during regular business hours. We are open Mon. 10am – 6pm, & 10am – 4pm on Tues, Wed. & Thurs.

Note: No after hours donations accepted due to fire and safety requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and your donations.

ST RAPHAEL'S HOUSE NEEDS

- *Small Kitchen Appliances
- *Milk Crates
- *Kitchen Gadgets & Silverware
- *Men's Jeans
- *King & Queen Bedding
- Jewelry Making Supplies
- Drawing/Sketching Supplies
- Acrylic Artist Painting Supplies
- Rugs
- Summer Clothing for all
- Children's Shoes
- Radios/Stereos/CD & DVD Players
- Adult Clothing Accessories
- Telephones
- Lamps & Home Décor
- Sweatpants/shirts & PJ's for all
- Books/Audio Books for Adults

**Denotes urgently needed items*

EChO Resale Shop

Kim Gaudet, Manager

We at EChO Resale Shop gambled on the fact that spring would come early this year. So we began putting out our spring inventory in March. Well... with all this snow, it looks like we were wrong. Hopefully the snow will assist with a peaceful, fire free summer.

Our furniture expansion last June has been very successful. We started our venture picking up furniture for free on Saturday. Now we are picking up Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. We also offer to deliver the furniture you purchase at EChO for just \$30. And remember... Proceeds from your purchases help fund programs to help our neighbors in need.

Evergreen North Shopping Center, with their new management, has some new and exciting activities coming up this year. Look for announcements on our web page at EChOResaleShop@EvergreenChristianOutreach.org and sign up for our daily special to see what great savings we offer weekly.

On behalf of the staff and volunteers at EChO Resale Shop, I would like to thank you and our amazing community for your continued support!

***Senior Discount:** Seniors receive **10% off** any items that are not on sale Monday through Saturday.



Backroom Volunteers at the Home Furnishing Store

New Face AT EChO



Lori Frease joins the EChO family as Development Director. Lori and her family have lived in Evergreen for 16 years. She brings a wealth of experience working with non-profits, including this past year with Mean Street Ministry. She is excited to devote her talents to expanding EChO's vibrant role in the Evergreen community and looking forward to serving in the community where she lives.

EChO has a volunteer who is a "Super Couponer". With her considerable skills Lisa Parks and her 4 kids all get involved to help shop for the food bank for pennies on the dollar and also gets incredible amounts of food for free. To accomplish this task, she needs coupons! She has favorites that she would love to have donated. If you are able, please save the flyers for coupons from: Red Plum, Smart Source, Proctor and Gamble, and Pepsi and keep them intact.

Lisa stops by the food bank once a week. There is a box in the kitchen labeled "Coupons". Please drop them off whenever the food bank or the resale shop is open.



100 Holes for Hunger

Fundraiser for EChO

June 8th

Applewood Golf Course
Teams made up of 4 players
10 balls
10 holes
100 Holes

Looking for a Team Leader who will put together a foursome. Organize a time when your foursome can get together and use the website to collect the donations.

Three reasons for this concept: leadership, fun & making a bigger impact. This is not really about golf—but raising money from others around the world.

Contact Lori Frease if you are interested -303-670-1796 in being a Team Leader or participating.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Mary Petrich, Volunteer Coordinator

One hundred and forty-seven volunteers attended the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch at Hiwan Country Club on April 26. There are currently 286 volunteers who are actively working, so to have more than half in attendance was a spectacular turnout. The word is out that the brunch is an event not to be missed.

The volunteer opportunities at EChO run the gamut and many are ones that are behind the scenes. The list below is a glimpse into the multitude of jobs that are performed routinely and keep EChO running smoothly.

Food Bank
Resale Shop
St. Raphael's
Fundraising
Maintenance and Construction
Web Administration and Tech Support
Community Garden: New this year!

Reception Desk
Thank you notes
Recycling
Super Couponing
Special Events
Food Drives
Board of Directors



Home Furnishing Store Backroom: Repair and refinish furniture, test electronics

EChO Jobs: Seminar presenters; job coaches; budget counselors

Tutors: Provide one-on-one instruction for children

Firewood: Volunteers pick up, split and stack wood for client's use to offset heating costs.

Drivers: A network that picks up from local grocery stores and delivers to the food bank and transport items between, Resale and St. Raphael's

At the brunch, volunteers who work throughout EChO have the chance to mix and mingle. As can be seen by the photos, a good time was had by all. This once a year event is a small expression of gratitude to all of our varied, talented volunteers who do so much to help so many. Come join us—Volunteer!

Upcoming Events—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **May 21st, June 13, July 16th, August 20th: 8am-4pm Jobs Seminars for area residents.** Do you know someone looking for a job? Recommend that they attend one of these amazing workshops in Douglas Hall on the campus of the Church of the Transfiguration. Call Cathy Baim to make a reservation. 303-670-1796
- **June 8th—100 Holes of “Non-Tournament” Golf Tournament** at Applewood Golf Course.
- **June 15 – 9 Cares/ColoradoShare Food and Clothing Drive** at King Soopers in Bergen Park from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Many hands make light work. We need **LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS** to help collect food and clothing. Please consider taking a two hour shift.
- **July 15th – Mountain Foothills Rotary Andy Smith Golf Tournament**—contact Bob Jones 303-679-1301
- **July 20—Electronic Recycle Day** at Evergreen North Shopping Center
- **July 24 –EChO Summer Concert at Evergreen Lake** – starring Switchback with Drums & Bagpipes as an opening act.
- **September—Date TBD. Job Fair for Community.**
- **November 28, 2013 – Fourth Annual Turkey Trot** – Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.





**24 Hours to Give Where You Live
But you are not just limited to this day.
You can give all year round.**

Support **Evergreen Christian Outreach** on Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, Coloradans will come together again to raise millions of dollars for nonprofits like ours. **It is our goal to continue to support the programs of EChO with year round giving – made easy by Colorado Gives.** Donate in honor or memory of someone: Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, birthday, anniversary, in lieu of weddings gifts – or if you just feel like making a difference.

Several dedicated EChO donors have made monthly commitments to EChO through Coloradogives.org. Go to the Evergreen Christian Outreach Website at www.evergreenchristianoutreach.org. In the top right hand corner you will see the DONATE NOW button. Click on that button and you will be directly connected to ColoradoGives.org. Your contribution is safely and securely entered. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, Colorado Gives Day asks you to give to your favorite charities through the website, an online giving resource featuring every nonprofit participating in Colorado Gives Day. On this website we share our goals, accomplishments and much more.

All credit card and processing fees are covered by Community First Foundation, so that 100% of your donation goes directly to Evergreen Christian Outreach

When you give online any time on December 10, the value of your donation will be increased by the FirstBank Incentive Fund.



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