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

## Plan to Attend

### Sundae in the Park Event on Grandparents Day

This year Grandparents Day is on Sunday, September 11 and our second annual *Sundae in the Park* event will be held at Sanborn Park in Greeley at 2:00 pm. Please join us for music, old fashioned cake walks, children's activities and free ice cream, cake and beverages for all attending. Gifts will be given to the oldest person in attendance, the couple that has been married the



longest, and the family with the greatest number of generations in attendance. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the essay contest and the winning essays will be read. Students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade submit an essay and the winners are announced

and presented a bicycle. There is no admission to attend. We hope to see you and all of your family there.

# A special thank you to our sponsors **Grace Pointe**, **Humana and Poudre Valley Medical Group-Greeley Medical Clinic**.

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# Senior Resource Services Welcomes Three New Members to the Board of Directors

We are pleased to introduce Diane Johnson, Cathy Randel and Bradley Laue as the newest members of our Board of Directors. Diane is a self-employed bookkeeper. Cathy is retired and has been a volunteer for Senior Resource Services since 2007. She also received the 2010-2011 Athena Award for the individual volunteering the most hours. Brad is an attorney with Winters Hellerich & Hughes.

Diane will be serving on the Finance Committee and Cathy will be the secretary for the Board of Directors and will serve on the Development Committee. Brad will assist with public relations. Welcome!



#### New Person – 2 – Person Program

Are you lonely and just need someone to talk to? Senior Resource Services is beginning Person-2-Person. The program is designed to provide an opportunity to reach out to seniors without social contact and caregivers of those of debilitating diseases. Volunteers will give a weekly phone call to brighten their day and give them the inspiration to enjoy each and every day to the fullest.

If you are interested in becoming a Person-2-Person volunteer or would like to receive a weekly friendly call, please call our office at 352-9348. There is a quick training session and you will be given the necessary materials to assist you in your calling.



#### Jeanne Griffin, Roseann Guyette, Ralph & Joy Bartlett, Ken Feldaus

Dwane Raile referred an acquaintance, Gary Fiffe to volunteer for SRS. Gary is new to the area and has become a volunteer that assists our Seniors every week. Dwane received a gift card to the Egg & I for recruiting Gary. Our services can only continue if we keep recruiting volunteers. If you know of someone who is willing to give a couple of hours, please call our office with their name and number, or have them contact us.

If you are a volunteer and you mail, hand deliver, or complete your volunteer activity log on line at <a href="www.seniorresourceservices.info">www.seniorresourceservices.info</a> 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:

- **Jeanne Griffin** received a Café Mexicali gift card. Jeanne is a Wrangler and also volunteers at the Stampede every summer. Jeanne has been volunteering for SRS since September of 2010.
- Roseann Guyette has been volunteering for SRS since February of this year. Roseann
  retired from Aims College and in her spare time, Roseann enjoys golfing and reading.
  She has made a special connection with one of our Seniors and takes her every week to
  get her hair done. Roseann won 2 movie theater tickets to the Carmike Theater for
  turning in her hours on-line.
- Ralph & Joy Bartlett received a Fat Albert's pie. The Bartlett's live in Eaton and provide our northern Seniors transportation to appointments. They have been assisting SRS since March of 2010.
- **Ken Feldhaus** is retired and enjoys sports, movies and gourmet cooking. Ken submitted his July hours on-line. He received 2 free lunches at Tavola's.

All of the gifts listed above are generously donated by community businesses. They also recognize the wonderful service you are providing by assisting our Seniors.



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

Senior Resource Services is planning our first annual Valentine's Day dinner/dance fundraiser. There will be food, drinks, music, dance and a Frank Sinatra impersonator along with a silent auction. Please save the date as you won't want to miss out. The event will be held at Room with a

View at St. Michaels at 3050 67<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Greeley. More information will be shared as the details are confirmed.

#### SENIOR NEEDS INCREASE

After four short years, the services provided by Senior Resource Services are in great demand. What once began as the passion of DeeAnn Groves, Executive Director has become a service that seniors now rely upon. With the assistance of 147 compassionate volunteers SRS is able to help 272 Seniors.

We see the writing on the wall that in order to continue to meet the transportation and respite needs for the Seniors in Weld County we need to find additional volunteers. If you have a friend, neighbor or family member who would give a few hours a month to help a senior, please call us. Our volunteers say you just need to try it once then you're hooked. The appreciation of each senior client is overwhelming and what the volunteer receives in gratitude far outweighs the senior's request.

#### **Aspen Club Coming to Greeley**

The Aspen Club currently located in Ft. Collins is expanding to Greeley. Senior Resource Services is excited to have a new neighbor. If you are not familiar with the Aspen Club, it is a free organization for Seniors. It currently has 19,000 members. They offer presentations of interest to seniors, exercise classes, trips, etc. For those who are 50 years and older there will be a new member orientation held on October 4, 10:00-11:30 held at the Greeley Medical Clinic in the lower level conference room.

## Staffing Changes—Goodbye Laura & Lynn--Welcome Amy

Senior Resource Services greatly appreciates the dedication, and hard work these two Volunteer Coordinators provided scheduling the rides for our Seniors and recruiting volunteers. We will miss you both. Laura's last day was July 31 and Lynn's is August 31. We want to welcome Amy Lee who will be replacing Lynn. We're certain that Amy will be an asset to SRS and that both the volunteers and clients will enjoy her. Sue Martin the afternoon office staff person is coordinating the Northern Weld requests.

#### **Senior Resource Services Reminder**

Senior Clients-- if your volunteer has not called you by the day of your needed transportation, please call the office. The office personnel will then call the volunteer. The volunteer may have just forgotten to make the phone call. The office personnel are always happy to keep you updated.

We ask our Senior clients not to cancel appointments at the last minute unless it is an emergency or weather related. We certainly do not want to inconvenience our gracious volunteers. Please never wait until the volunteer arrives at your door to cancel.

### Help Senior Resource Services and the Environment by Recycling

Please help us by recycling your used inkjet and laser print cartridges, cell phones, laptops, iPods, digital cameras, GPS devices, PDAs DVDs and Video Games and Consoles. Just drop your items by our office at 1802 16<sup>th</sup> St. As a fundraiser CFK will pay SRS for the items we donate. This is an easy and hopefully a profitable fundraiser for us and we appreciate your help. If you know of a company or business willing to recycle we will get them set up and their items would be added to our fundraiser. All funding received is kept right here in Weld County to help our Seniors. If you refer us to a company or organization that agrees to recycle for SRS, you will receive a gift card for our appreciation.



Save the Date
Sunday, September 11
2:00 at Sanborn Park In Greeley

Celebrate Grandparent's Day Bring the Entire Family Free Cake & Ice Cream