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

How Are We Able to Provide Free Services?

Senior Resource Services is able to provide our clients with services free of charge thanks to our wonderful volunteers. We are constantly in search of individuals willing to give a few hours a month to make a difference in our Seniors lives. We sent out a survey to our clients asking if they felt our services were worthwhile. You replied overwhelmingly that you love our services and they assist in your independence.

We are always busy writing grants to cover our rent, salaries, office supplies and funding for special programs. We also accept donations and we're hosting our first fundraiser this September



Adopt a Grandparent

We are currently recruiting families that would like to spend some time with a senior citizen. If you are interested in visiting with a family and sharing some of your memories, and hearing about their vacations and schools, please contact us at 352-9348.

Meet Lynn Weitzel, Our New Employee

Beginning July 7 you will hear a new voice on the phone. Lynn will work in the SRS Office on Wednesdays during Becky's day off. Her role is to coordinate the scheduling of our clients and volunteers. Lynn will work from home the majority of the time and will be making calls in the afternoons and evenings which are hours that we have not been available before. You will continue to call our office at 352-9348 to let us know your needs and we'll give Lynn the information.

Lynn is a retired school teacher and has been involved with volunteering for a variety of organizations in the past. We're excited to have her on board and we know you will enjoy visiting with her

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Cycle for Seniors

Our first annual fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, September 7, Grandparents Day. We will be having a intergenerational bike ride at the Poudre River Trail. This is an event for the entire family. There will be a BBQ, prizes and a good time for all. We are asking companies for \$500 sponsorships and are selling Memory Markers for \$100. If you are interested in purchasing a Memory Marker for your special loved one, please call us, or if you want to participate in the bike ride more information can be found on our website at www.seniorresourceservices.info.



You have probably talked to Diane as she worked in the SRS office starting September 2007. She enjoyed talking to you on the phone and then took the natural next step by becoming a volunteer. She is now one of our most active supporters. Diane turned in her Volunteer Activity Log for May and was entered into a drawing and won a Perkins gift certificate.

Diane McVicker is a retired School District 6 school teacher. Her hobbies are tennis, gardening, reading, home improvement and traveling. We asked her why she wanted to volunteer and her reply was to "help needy seniors and to give back to the community." We also asked her to share a special memory of her volunteering with SRS. She said" Having fun with Ruth at Dillards (as they are moving out) and watching her have so much fun looking at the jewelry." We definitely want to thank Diane for all she has done for Senior Resource Services.

Robert (Bob) Lisle joined us as a volunteer in March 2008. Even though he has volunteered only a short time he has made a huge impact. Bob has assisted us with taking a Senior to the Senior Center every week and has provided respite care for another volunteer. Bob also contributes to SRS as a handyman. He has helped a senior with some home improvements. I know the Senior greatly appreciates his help. Bob has been a volunteer at the Greeley Senior Center and stays pretty busy with all his volunteer work. As the winner of the June drawing, Bob won a gift certificate to the Village Inn. Senior Resource Services greatly appreciates all the time he gives helping seniors.

Do You Need Transportation to Go Out of Town?

If you have a doctor's appointment, a special event or a trip to the airport anywhere outside of Greeley and need a ride, call Dwane at 970-351-6334 or 405-8080-Cell to schedule your trip. Dwane charges .35 cents a mile plus \$10 an hour.

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Handyman Services

If you have a leaky faucet, broken cabinet, need a new lock installed, or any other one-man job, we have just the person for you. He charges for the supplies and the service is free to our seniors.



Convertor Boxes Available

Senior Resource Services received funding from New Frontier Bank to provide convertor boxes for our seniors who need them. Remember in February, 2009, your rabbit ear television set will no longer work. Your choices will be to buy a new TV, purchase a convertor box or sign up for cable or dish services. We will call our clients to see if you are in need of a convertor box and if you are, we will install one free of charge. We still have plenty of time to make this transition, but you do not need to make other arrangements unless you want to.

Thanking Our Volunteers

Without our volunteers we would not be able to provide these wonderful services for our Seniors. We recently received a donation from the Northern Colorado Chapter of Gas and Oil. These funds will be used to give a volunteer with the most hours during the month (a minimum of 10 hours) a \$10 gift card for gasoline. With the high prices of gasoline we want to help offset the costs. Also, volunteers are able to deduct their miles on their income taxes. When they pick up a senior, track the miles from their home, to the Seniors home then to the appointment and back home again. If the volunteers have not been keeping track of the miles this year, please call our office and we can assist you.

Our newest volunteers are Marge McLauthlin, Nancy Allnutt, Christina Geringer, Brenda Groves, Joan Kelly, Liz Sage ,Jack Stringer, and Denise Swingle. We now have 40 volunteers and 52 clients. We keep growing, but it is always a challenge to have enough volunteers. There are so many seniors that need our help we need to make certain that we have enough volunteers to meet those needs.

Senior Resource Services wants to thank the following businesses for donating to SRS so we can show our volunteers how much we appreciate them: Village Inn, Perkins, Quality Lube, Wash at Market Square

SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES Grocery Shopping Assistance

RSVP will assist with filling your grocery list by calling 351-2588. They will charge a \$5.00 fee for the service.

Help Save Lives by Knowing the Stroke Identifiers

- **S** Ask the individual to SMILE
- T Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (coherently)
- **R** Ask the person to RAISE Both Arms.

Another sign of a stroke is ask the person to stick out their tongue.. If the tongue is crooked, or it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

Do You Know Someone Who Needs Help With Prescription Costs?

Anyone who has Medicare can get Medicare Prescription Drug coverage. Extra help is available for some people with limited income and resources. It will pay for all or most of the monthly premiums and annual deductibles and lower the prescription co-payments related to their plan. The extra help could be worth up to \$3,600 per year. Many people with limited income and resources qualify for these big savings and don't even know it. To find out if someone is eligible, Social Security will need to know their income and the value of their savings, investments and real estate (other than their home). If they are married and living with their spouse, they will need the information for both of them.

To qualify for extra help they must have:

- Income limited to \$15,600 for an individual or \$21,000 for a married couple living together
- Resources limited to \$11,990 for and individual or \$23,970 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. Do not count their house and car as resources.

If you would like a brochure and worksheet to see if you qualify, please contact the Senior Resource Services office at 352-9348.

Relocation Services

Kid Gloves is located in Loveland and they can help you with orchestrating your move. Leave all the worry and headaches of moving to them. They will help sort possessions, arrange for storage, prepare your existing home for sale, clean vacated home, aid in transferring utilities, banking services, address and telephone serves and then help you unpack, arrange furniture, hang pictures, etc. To discuss the fee the company can be reached at 970-449-2309 or www.kidgloves.us.

Donation

Senior Resource Services received a donation of several boxes of Depends. Please contact us if you know of someone who needs them.