



ECHHO NEWSLETTER

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LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

FRAN ROBY has stepped down as ECHHO's Office Manager and Executive Director. Fran devoted years of enthusiastic and skilled work to ECHHO. A person of many talents, we could always count on Fran to come up with creative ways to run the office and address the challenges of ECHHO's day-to-day operation. Farewell, Fran. We will miss you.

LINDA COOLEY, an outstanding long-time ECHHO volunteer, will be the acting Office Manager and Executive Director. Linda brings a wealth of know-how to this demanding job. She arrives at a time when ECHHO will have many opportunities to put Linda's expertise to use. Welcome, Linda. We look forward to working with you.

The position of Office Manager and Executive Director is **unpaid**. We are fortunate that high-caliber volunteers like Fran Roby and Linda Cooley have been willing to take on the responsibilities of this job. ECHHO could not function otherwise. Many thanks to them both.

ATTENTION DRIVERS: Disabled Parking Placards

ECHHO has been issued handicapped parking placards that can be hung from the rear-view mirror. The placards will allow drivers to park in handicapped parking spots when transporting people who qualify for it. You may check out a placard at the office prior to your trip and return it when you come back.

Following is a synopsis of the requirements to be allowed to use handicapped parking:

- cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;
- is severely limited in ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological or other orthopedic condition;
- cannot walk without use of or assistance from brace, cane, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair;
- uses portable oxygen;
- legally blind with limited mobility;
- restricted by lung disease and/or cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition.

Office staff will coordinate with drivers when rides are scheduled for handicapped clients.

VOLUNTEER BIRTHDAYS

4 - Bob Allgire	11 - Phyllis Matheny	24 - James Hladecek
5 - Anne Date	13 - Heather Tillman	27 - Bill Clardy

Total Volunteer Hours for July	281.0	138 Pieces of Medical Equipment Loaned 127 People Served 3666 Miles Driven
Transportation to Medical Appointments	176.5	
Chores and Errands	92.0	
Social Support/Visits	12.5	

Thanks to all our volunteers and supporters who make this service to the community possible.

Do you have an idea, poem, photo, etc. for the newsletter? We welcome your creative contributions. Telephone (360) 379-3246. The ECHHO Staff