



Today is the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year and ECHHO workers are putting in long days serving the community. In May, ECHHO provided a helping hand to an all-time record number of care receivers- **101 individuals!** The number of volunteer hours has also been climbing steadily each month in 2008, to a near-record **376 hours**, not equaled since June 2005.

This Month's Featured Volunteer is **Anita Thielmann**, who began volunteering with ECHHO in 1999.



She grew up in Santa Ana, California and has also lived in Phoenix, Arizona, and Dallas, Texas but likes Port Townsend best of all. She used to work full time as a long haul trucker and traveled across the USA meeting lots of different kinds of people in her travels. She has also done volunteer work with Domestic Violence and worked many years at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center. Anita likes driving people because she likes to help folks who need it and doesn't mind waiting in doctors' offices for the ECHHO care receivers. She's motivated by the sense "that our seniors deserve and need a little extra kindness". Anita finds volunteering

with ECHHO to be very interesting and especially enjoys hearing from seniors about how their lives were when they were young. In addition, she and her husband Art do an excellent job cleaning the ECHHO offices as volunteers. Anita, thank you, we really appreciate all you (and your husband) do for ECHHO!

Notes from the Board

There is a vacant position on the Board of Directors. ECHHO is seeking a new Board Member who has interest (as well as energy and skills) in spearheading a working fund-raising committee. Contact Fran Roby at the ECHHO office, 379-3246 if you are interested.

There is good news for our volunteer drivers. At their June meeting, the Board approved an increase in the reimbursement rate to offset the skyrocketing price of gasoline. Effective July 1, 2008 transportation will be reimbursed at fifty cents per mile.

On a less positive note, ECHHO's Treasurer reports that reimbursement checks for June transportation may be a little late due to computer problems. We haven't forgotten you. The check will be in the mail.

Volunteer Updates Thanks for your prompt response to our recent letter requesting current information for volunteer records. Your cooperation and patience make the tedious job of required updates so much easier.

Total Volunteer Hours for May	376
Transportation to Medical Appointments	202
Chores and Errands	121.5
Social Support/Visits	52.5
82 Pieces of Medical Equipment Loaned	
101 People Served	
4570 Miles Driven	