



ECHHO NEWSLETTER

November 2009

THANKSGIVING

ECHHO has much to be thankful for this month, including new opportunities to enhance our image in the community as well as promising personnel developments. Read all about it:

ECHHO Seeks Executive Director

We are looking for a special person to head up the ECHHO office. The position is salaried, part-time, and offers flexible hours. The ideal candidate will have a background in management, fundraising and volunteerism. If you are that person (or know someone who is) resumes with cover letter are being accepted until November 30: ECHHO, 1110 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368 or echho@olypen.com.

ECHHO Staff Welcomes Walt Hill

One of the things we are most thankful for is the addition of Walt Hill as our new Medical Equipment Associate. Walt has the qualities of good humor and efficiency in just the right combination for ECHHO. Walt has lived in Washington for most of his life. An enthusiastic softball player in our area, Walt and his wife traveled to St. George, Utah for the Senior Olympics this past summer. We are very lucky to have Walt on our team.



Attention Food Co-Op Shoppers

If you have shopped at the Food Co-Op this month, you may have noticed that ECHHO has a **Beans for Bags** jar at the front of the store. Shoppers who bring their own bags may choose to receive a bean instead of a nickel for each bag, which may then be dropped in one of three jars on display. The food bank always has a jar, while the other two jars change bi-monthly. We are pleased to be selected for this honor. At the end of two months, the beans will be counted and the Food Co-Op will make a monetary donation. It is especially fortunate for ECHHO that we were chosen for the busy November-December shopping period. Grab your shopping bags and give us your beans. Happy Holidays.

A Work of Heart – Building Community

Thanks to the generosity of the **Jefferson County Community Foundation**, ECHHO is one of the non-profit organizations featured in a supplement inserted in the November 18 edition of *The Leader*.

A Special Message from the Board

First, we offer a special thank you to all our dedicated volunteers. Without you, ECHHO's mission could not exist. Our role in the community continues to grow and, fortunately, so does the level of commitment of our staff and volunteers. In the first ten months of this year, miles driven by our volunteer drivers increased 10.4% and the number of pieces of medical equipment loaned out rose by 26%. Our funding sources have not kept up with the demand for our services, however. At this time we are appealing to our volunteers and supporters for a financial contribution to ECHHO. To those of you who are able, we ask that you consider making a donation to ECHHO during the holiday season. Your thoughtful consideration of this request is appreciated.

Total Volunteer Hours for October	235.5
Transportation to Medical Appointments	140.0
Chores and Errands	88.0
Social Support/Visits	7.5

148* Pieces of Medical Equipment Loaned
114 People Served
2,903 Miles Driven

* All-time record