



ECHHO NEWSLETTER

November 2008

Board Decision on Mileage Effective immediately, in consideration of currently lower gas prices, driver reimbursement will be adjusted back to 40 cents per mile. We will continue to respond to the needs of our community, but we are facing some difficult times. Our fund for paying our drivers is low. We see no alternative but to temporarily reduce costs by this unwelcome but necessary adjustment. Thanks to everyone for your understanding and cooperation.

Volunteer Recognition Event



The reception on Friday, November 7, at First Presbyterian, gave us a chance to “meet and greet” our staff and volunteers. It isn’t often that we get a chance to see in person the folks who do so much and make our involvement with ECHHO so worthwhile. For those of you who were unable to be there, we missed you. There’s a certificate of appreciation for you at the ECHHO office.

Meet a Volunteer Joy Reuther-Costa is a volunteer who has a talent for stepping up and being a willing driver when we need it most, often at the last minute. Joy has a full-time job but still manages to find a way to take our clients to their appointments. A Port Townsend native, Joy has C.N.A. skills and a colorful background in occupations as varied as landscaping and childcare. The next time you pick up a copy of the *Townsend Letter*, think of Joy. She’s the Circulation Manager. Thank you, Joy. (We would like to hear from volunteers who are willing to provide a little information about themselves for the newsletter. We would all like to read about you.)

Church Opportunities with ECHHO A big thank you, indeed, to the ladies of the Latter Day Saints church. One lucky day we received a call from Bishop Weller’s wife, Erika, that the ladies group of their church wanted to do something for ECHHO. We had a waiting list of clients in need of help with housecleaning and yard work. What a blessing to have such a willing and able team go out into the community, from Port Townsend to Brinnon, and help their neighbors in need. We can’t thank you enough. (We welcome the participation of our church community in ECHHO’s mission. Let us hear from your church.)

Volunteer Birthdays

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| 2 - Karen Chapman | 12 - Kay Goodhue | 18 - Joy Reuther-Costa |
| 7 - David Whitney | 13 - Ella Sandvig | 20 - Phil Anderson |
| 11 - Harry Thomas | | |

Total Volunteer Hours for October	392.5	97 Pieces of Medical Equipment Loaned
Transportation to Medical Appointments	197.5	104 People Served
Chores and Errands	142.0	3958 Miles Driven
Social Support/Visits	53.0	

Thanks to all our volunteers and supporters who made all this service to the community possible.
The ECHHO Staff