

ECHHO NEWSLETTER July 2008

Summer is flying by and everyone is busy with travel plans and visitors and projects, but ECHHO volunteers are still finding time to provide a tremendous amount of help to others. Luckily, the snowbirds have migrated back to take over for the vacationers. The office staff really appreciates being kept up to date on your comings and goings to facilitate scheduling.

Notes from the Board

ECHHO's Board of Directors is pleased to welcome a new recording secretary, Barbera Caughlin.

UGN Donations: When you make your annual pledge to Jefferson County United Good Neighbors, remember that you have the option of designating a specific organization where you want the funds you contribute to go. UGN Donor Options are a very important part of our budget, so PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE encourage your family members, friends and neighbors to designate their contributions to ECHHO.

Fund Raising Event Victoria House assisted living facility is hosting a "Community Garage Sale" to benefit ECHHO Saturday August 16 and Sunday August 17. Victoria House residents are making craft items to sell and will be helping with the sale during the weekend. They are looking forward to a fun, social event as well as an opportunity to show appreciation for the service ECHHO provides to the elders of the community. To make the event a success, we need YOUR help too. We are accepting DONATIONS of items to sell from now until Friday August 15. Treasures that you no longer need can be dropped off at ECHHO, 1110 Jefferson Street or Victoria House, 491 Discovery Road. We also need Volunteers to work at the sale along with the Victoria House residents. And of course, we need you to COME to the SALE and find lots of wonderful things you can't live without. Please call ECHHO, 379-3246 for more information. All proceeds will go to ECHHO.

Client Satisfaction Survey ECHHO has been doing a short survey to evaluate the services we provide. In case any of the volunteers have doubts about whether they are appreciated, we'd like to share some of the comments from our care receivers. Beverley said, "They have made such a difference in my life and are always willing to help." According to Celeste "They are a manifestation of compassion in action." Carl said, "ECHHO has literally saved my life."

Total Volunteer Hours for June 374

Transportation to Medical Appointments 201.5
Chores and Errands 120.5
Social Support/Visits 52

93 Pieces of Medical Equipment Loaned

108 People Served

3969 Miles Driven

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

The ECHHO Staff