

ECHHO NEWSLETTER

March 2008

Happy Easter! With the beginning of Spring, we celebrate this holiday of renewal and new life. As the days grow longer and we enjoy more light, we want to thank the volunteers who bring light into lives of care receivers, regardless of the season.

Featured Volunteer

Ella Sandvig, one of our most loyal members, marks her <u>Seventh Anniversary</u> as an ECHHO volunteer



this month. From the start, she has brightened the life of a regular, ongoing care receiver, taking an otherwise isolated lady on monthly outings all over the Peninsula. She also fills in for staff in the office on a regular basis. Over the years, Ella has made innumerable long and short trips to take people to all manner of appointments and errands. One of her most memorable assignments started out as a routine trip to take a lady to an eye appointment in Poulsbo. When the weather turned stormy they found the Hood Canal Bridge closed to traffic, so dinner at a restaurant was added to the agenda. Finally the routine appointment expanded to include

an impromptu "sleepover" in a shared motel room. **21 hours later (!)**, Ella returned to Port Townsend, cheerful as ever, and ready for another assignment.

New volunteers

Recently ECHHO has been fortunate to add several new faces bringing renewed energy to the volunteer corps: Harriet Brunner, Tom Larson, Marge Luther, Bill Miller, Thelma Davis, Jim Posey, Jerry Prout, Bob Sowatsky, Alma Taylor and Heather Tillman - THANK YOU.

Also welcome back to some snowbirds and a couple of other returning volunteers - WE MISSED YOU.

Despite this influx, more volunteers are still needed, particularly in Port Townsend.

Some good news for new volunteers: ECHHO's Board of Directors has approved reimbursement of the \$10.00 fee to obtain a copy of one's driving record.

Total Volunteer Hours February	259
Transportation to Medical Appointments	107.5
Chores and Errands	95.5
Social Support/Visits	56

74 Pieces of Medical Equipment Loaned

83 People Served

2554 Miles Driven

Thanks to all our volunteers and supporters. Even if spring is late, you bring warmth and sunshine.

The ECHHO Staff