



## ECHHO NEWSLETTER

September 2008

Summer is over, time to settle back into daily routine after the all the busy summer season's long days filled with vacations, events, visitors and projects. As the Equinox brings balance between day and night and the business-as-usual pace of brings balance into every-day life, ECHHO volunteers continue to do an amazing balancing act between their busy lives and the needs of their neighbors in need of a "Helping Hand".

### New Board Member

ECHHO's Board of Directors is very happy to welcome new member, **Tom Branigan**. Tom moved to Port Townsend from New Mexico last December and became a member of First Presbyterian Church. He joined ECHHO as a volunteer driver in April. Now he is sharing the experience from his public relations career and long history of public service as a board member. There is still one opening on the board. Someone with fund-raising skills is especially needed. Please contact chairman Ed Presnal at 379-8120 if interested.

**Volunteer Recognition Event** Save the date of Friday November 7, 2008 from 2:00-4:00pm. ECHHO will be holding a volunteer recognition party in the Fellowship Hall, Port Townsend First Presbyterian Church. You will be receiving an invitation to join us for refreshments, door prizes and more.

**Attention High School Students** East Jefferson students must fulfill a requirement of community service for high school graduation. If you know any students looking for a worthwhile organization to serve in, please tell them about ECHHO. We would be delighted to work with them. Call the ECHHO office 379-3246.

**Networking Opportunities** Director Fran Roby is busy working to coordinate with other community organizations to maximize the effectiveness of ECHHO's services. Starting September 23 she is participating the "Jefferson County Nonprofit Alliance Facilitated Networking Series for Executive Directors" sponsored by the Jefferson County Community Foundation. These workshops will provide valuable connections with other local non-profits, as well as access to funding opportunities. On October 17, Fran will participate in "A Forum on Transportation for America's Veterans and Their Families" at American Lake, to help us better serve our mutual clients. This cooperation among organizations will be an asset to ECHHO's development as the need for services continues to grow.

**Record Breaking Service AGAIN** In August another new record was set for the Number of People Served by ECHHO; 109 and the Number of Pieces of Medical Equipment Loaned, 146, shattered the previous record of 95 by an amazing 53%!

<b>Total Volunteer Hours for August</b>	<b>305</b>
Transportation to Medical Appointments	151.5
Chores and Errands	109
Social Support/Visits	44.5
<b>146 Pieces of Medical Equipment Loaned !!!</b>	
<b>109 People Served</b>	
2493 Miles Driven	

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