



ECHHO NEWSLETTER

September 2010

Big Turnout for Volunteer Training Day!

On Tuesday, September 21, ECHHO held a Volunteer Training Course at the First Presbyterian Church in Port Townsend. As required by the Olympic Area Agency on Aging (one of our main funding sources) we sent out an email to our volunteers asking them to attend. We anticipated getting perhaps 15 or so people to attend. What a wonderful surprise it was when over 35 signed up for the course!



This was yet another example of the dedication and support that our volunteers are willing to give to ECHHO and the folks we serve. We would like to extend a special thank you to the First Presbyterian Church for letting us use their large meeting room for this event. We had originally planned on having it here at the ECHHO office but were delighted when we realize that we were going to need more space.

We would also like to thank . . .

Thank you **Townsend Electric** (2227 Washington St., 385-3780) for your donated repair to one of our lift chairs. If we had to purchase a new lift chair motor, it would have cost ECHHO about \$200.00! Other local businesses that have recently helped are **Les Schwab Tires** and **Solar Motive**. They have each donated expensive batteries to keep our motorized scooters operating. The generosity of business partners and individuals have made it possible for ECHHO to stay afloat for about 13 years now. You have all set a wonderful example for others to follow. We are all, after all, part of *community*, and a thriving community depends upon the mutual support of its members – *united we stand!*

Last Month's Stats

In August, our volunteers gave a combined total of **195.5 hours** of their time, and drove a total of **2,841 miles** to provide **118 care receivers** with rides to medical, dental, legal and social appointments as well as helping with errands, shopping, chores, home repairs and friendly visits. ECHHO also provided **139 pieces of medical equipment** to our friends and neighbors who cannot afford to buy or rent them. Included were walkers, wheelchairs, bath chairs, bed tables, hospital beds, canes, commodes and a Hoyer lift for transporting immobile patients from their beds or into their beds. We also loaned out power chairs and scooters to help people with limited mobility. We are truly making life better for so many people!

To make a monetary donation, mail your check to ECHHO, 1110 Jefferson St., Port Townsend, WA 98368
If you would like to donate medical equipment or volunteer, please call us at (360) 379-3246
or email us: echhopt@qwestoffice.net **Thank You for your support!**

***AN URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS
AND BOARD MEMBERS!***

ECHHO receives **vital funding** from the Olympic Area Agency on Aging. In the current economic climate, the requirements to receive this funding are becoming more stringent. **Thank you** if you were able to attend the Volunteer Training Course required by O3A held on September 21st. The next requirement we need to meet in order to continue to receive funding is the Defensive Driving Course for our volunteer drivers. It is a two day course, Oct. 19 and 20 from 9:00am – 1:00pm at Seaport Landing Retirement Community, 1201 Hancock St., Port Townsend. The cost is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members. Upon completion, the participants will receive a certificate which in most cases will entitle them to a discount on their auto insurance. We thank those who have already signed up for the course. If you haven't done so, please RSVP by phone or e-mail.

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