



ECHHO NEWSLETTER

January 2009

Happy New Year!

Snow Story Last month's snowfall was memorable for a lot of people, including residents of the Coyle Peninsula. Just before Christmas we received a call from a lady who was down to her last bag of stove pellets. Living alone on an unplowed road, with no vehicle, our client had resorted to putting up a tent in her living room to conserve heat. We called volunteer Gary McNeil, who responded without hesitation. He and his wife, Maureen, picked up several bags of pellets and drove down to Coyle, where they were welcomed by our client. She was not only relieved to get the fuel but was also just glad to see someone. Gary remarked later that the day was an adventure, which took them unexpectedly to a place they had never been and in spectacular snowy scenery. Thank you, Gary and Maureen, for your true holiday spirit.



David Bommer We at ECHHO are blessed with volunteers who share their talents with us when and where we need it. David is an outstanding example of the caliber of our people. He arrives at the office with toolbox in hand and quietly sets about fixing wheelchairs, walkers, and any other equipment that needs an adjustment or a tune-up. He also goes out into the community and assists our clients with repairs. These are valuable skills, which David has donated not only to ECHHO but to Habitat for Humanity, locally as well as in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. He is also co-chair of building & grounds at the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; and he is a night monitor at the homeless shelter. In his "spare" time, David enjoys painting portraits and watercolor landscapes as well as gardening with wife Diane. Did we leave anything out? Undoubtedly, but we at ECHHO are fortunate that David Bommer makes time in his busy life for us. Thank you, David, for your invaluable contribution to our mission.

Attention Drivers ECHHO volunteer drivers who have not requested reimbursement for miles driven may want to claim an income tax deduction. Call the office at 379-3246 if you need documentation of your miles driven in 2008.

Reminder: The Hood Canal Bridge will be closed from May 1 – June 15, 2009. This will affect us as well as our clients.

Wish List Does anyone out there have an office desk to donate to ECHHO? We need two.

Volunteer Birthdays

1 - Ginny Bunch
4 - Marcia Otteson

20 - David Bommer
22 - Alma Taylor

27 - Mary Shaffer
27 - Dick Coone

Total Volunteer Hours for December

273.5

Transportation to Medical Appointments
Chores and Errands
Social Support/Visits

133.5
92.0
48.0

96 Pieces of Medical Equipment Loaned

92 People Served
2,904 Miles Driven

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

(Do you have an idea, poem, photo, etc. for the newsletter? We welcome your creative contributions.)