

ECHHO Autumn 2018 Newsletter



Happy Autumn!

As we head into the last month of daylight-saving time (Nov. 4 is the time to "fall back"), we're enjoying a bit of Indian Summer and watching the leaves turn. Here at ECHHO, our ride volume is picking up as more people schedule medical appointments before the end of the year.

Volunteer Drivers to the Rescue!

This is a time when we are so grateful for our volunteer drivers, and also realize how much we need more drivers. We always appreciate referrals of new drivers and encourage all of you to think about someone who would enjoy this highly-appreciated work. Drivers choose, in advance, the rides they want to do and the number of hours they can give. Mileage can be reimbursed or donated. And most rides are entertainment: the client and driver often find common experiences, perspectives on the world, and lessons from life to share.

Tell a friend who might like to drive for ECHHO to contact us at www.echhojc.org or call us at 360-379-3246.

Thanks for making The Semi-Annual Appeal a success!

We are delighted to report that we received close to \$10,000 to support ECHHO's transportation, in-home services, and equipment lending program. Our need has become more acute this year, as we plan to bring on Jeffrey, our dispatcher, as a full-time staff member. After working with us for over 2 years, his internship is now coming to an end. We can't imagine going on without him. We appreciate every donation - large, medium, and small - which helps us maintain and continue to grow our much-needed and appreciated programs for seniors, disabled and low-income people in the county.

ECHHO's Executive Director for the past year and a half, Sarah McMahan, has retired. So, we've re-organized a bit to make sure our services and level of service continue to meet the growing needs of our clientele. Rich Heitmann, who has been with ECHHO for over 9 years, is now Director of Operations. Susanne Ericson is now Volunteer Administrator. Walt Hill remains "chief" of medical equipment, and Jeffrey Hall becomes our *full-time* Dispatcher.

Welcome Nancy!



Nancy Budd-Garvan joins us as Director of Development and Community Relations. Nancy moved to Port Ludlow last year from Monterey, CA and became an ECHHO volunteer driver immediately. With Sarah's departure, Nancy steps into the role of Director of Development and Community Relations. Her experience as Executive Director of Independent Transportation Network Monterey County, a volunteer-based transportation service for Seniors, will serve us well as we continue to grow.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Nancy at 360-215-0799.

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