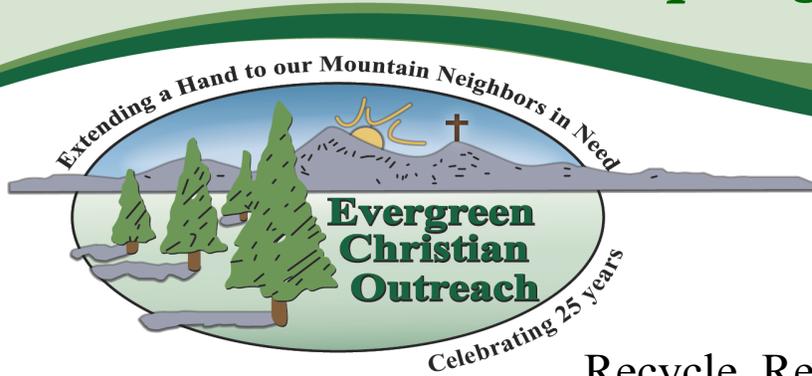


Spring Newsletter 2014



Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose, Resale . . . Where do your donations go?

EChO relies on the generosity of our community to support our many programs. When you donate your gently used clothing, furniture, or household items to EChO all items are used to help others in our community.

Depending on our current needs, space availability and condition of the item, your donation may be processed in one of the following ways.

- Some donations are used at St Raphael's and are available for immediate client use.
- Items that may be stained or torn are passed on to the Epilepsy foundation for their use and distribution. (EChO does receive a small monetary contribution for these items.)
- Other items may be processed and sold in the EChO Resale shop. All proceeds from our store are used to support client services programs – the purchase of food, client financial assistance, or funding for educational programs to assist clients' move forward as well as our EChO Jobs Programs.

As you clean out that garage, or closet or are just looking to "simplify" – please remember EChO! Your donations are appreciated and so needed to help support our programs.

Thank You!

EChO also relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses, churches, service organizations and as well as the proceeds from our Resale Shop to fund our many programs. We are also fortunate to be the recipient of several grants from the following organizations and foundations to help with specific programs and services for our clients:

Denver Foundation
Energy Outreach Colorado
Episcopal Jubilee Ministries Impact Grant
Evergreen Rotary Foundation
Kelley Family Foundation Trust
Theda & Tamblin Clark Smith Family Foundation

Saying goodbye to one of our Founders...

R. Paul McCollister was born on Jan. 17, 1933, and was called home by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Feb. 22, 2014. In 1980, Paul married Barbara B. Haggart. A year later, Paul and Barbie participated in Stephen Ministries training in St. Louis, where they were commissioned Stephen Ministers.

In 1983, they moved to Evergreen, where they helped establish Evergreen Christian Outreach, ministering to those in need for 10 years. In 1996, Paul and Barbie were called to begin a similar mission in Buena Vista. The Arkansas Valley Christian Mission opened in February 1997. Paul was an active servant in that ministry until his death.

A celebration of life service will be held later in the spring.



Message from the President

Elizabeth Hawkins

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Spring is a time of hope and renewal. People begin to spend more time outdoors enjoying all the beauty Colorado has to offer. As President of the Board of Directors of Evergreen Christian Outreach I am asked a lot of questions about our organization. One question that I have heard a lot lately is “what is going on at the Resale Shop?” Volunteers are remodeling the space previously occupied by Kitchen and Bath. Our plan is to be all along the northeast side of the Evergreen North Complex. It will be a consolidating move for EChO Resale. We are not adding additional space we are simply moving all our store operations to one side. You will be invited to the Grand Re-Opening when the time comes.

Another question I have been asked recently is “Will there be a fall fundraising dinner?” Apparently people have really enjoyed that gathering and would like a social opportunity to support EChO. I would love input from our readers to find out how many of you would like to have a 2014 Harvest Celebration. Would you like to return to Christ the King Church, Mount Vernon Country Club or Hiwan Country Club? Please email me about this event at ephawkecho14@gmail.com.

Finally I would like to thank our staff and volunteers for the amazing job they do. Our goal is to help people who have come upon hard times, give them food, clothing and hope to move forward. The role of the volunteers whether at the food bank, St. Raphael's or the Resale Shop is so important. Each person brings their individual talent to our wide community. Their smile may just be what a client needs that day.

Let us lead by our good faith that everyone deserves a chance to have a healthy, happy, prosperous life on this earth.

It is an honor to serve as President of such a caring organization. There are not many non-profits like us in this country. We are unique in many ways. But it is blessing to be able to continue the mission of the founders of Evergreen Christian Outreach 28 years later.

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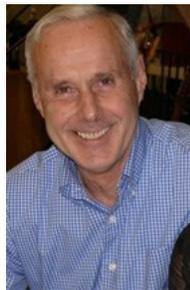
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EChO IS ON FACEBOOK!

Please check us out! “Like Us” and “Friend Us”
to keep spreading the good news.



Evergreen Christian Outreach
and
EChO Resale Shop



Bill Braun 2014 Senior Hero

Bill will be honored on May 8th at the 2014 Senior Heroes Awards Ceremony. Bill is a past Board President and Vice President. Bill works behind the scenes both at the food bank and the Resale Store. He has spent countless hours refurbishing furniture, fixing electronics,

making repairs and updating our new space, not to mention spreading the word for the Job Fair (May 1) through flyers and signs. Bill has a sweet tooth and can be seen at the food bank sharing a snack with the clients and staff.

Thank you Bill for all you do for EChO. We are blessed by your presence.

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Message from the Executive Director

Sharon Smith

Spring. . . There's something quite special about stepping outside on a bright, sunny spring day. The birds are singing, and evidence of new life and new beginnings surround us. Change is everywhere.

Flowers push their way up from previously frozen ground, ready for a new beginning. Trees and plants are adorned with buds, signs of new life about to appear. Caterpillars are transformed into beautiful new creations.

Springtime is Easter. A time when Christians everywhere emerge from Lent, a time of personal growth and reflection, to celebrate the hope and promise of rebirth with the resurrection of our Lord.

Spring is also the time when gardeners are busy planting seeds. They'll water them, feed them, shelter them from the cold, and encourage them to grow. Some plants will require a lot more time and care before they are strong enough to make it on their own. Others thrive with just the basic care.

When I think of these springtime images, I cannot help but think of EChO. Isn't that what we are all about? New beginnings? Like the gardener, we'll provide the basics to help move our clients forward. We'll feed, clothe, and provide help with shelter related expenses. We'll encourage them to grow by providing them with just the right amount of help to move them forward. Then we wait, and hope that they will emerge better prepared and capable of being on their own, and thriving.

The mission of EChO is to provide assistance to residents of the Evergreen mountain communities who are unemployed, underemployed, dealing with a long term illness, or experiencing other forms of personal crisis. Our goal is to help move these clients towards sustainability and self-sufficiency. It is our hope and desire that EChO clients emerge from their time of need as a new creation with new beginnings.

Programs have been developed to support people who may need help. For the past 27 years we have provided food to those in need and we currently feed over 300 unique households each month. Clothing and limited financial assistance have also always been available to our clients. Recognizing the need to do more, programs have been developed and implemented to help clients meet our mutual goal of sustainability and self-sufficiency. Our EChO Jobs program, educational classes, counselling and support groups, and classes to develop or learn new skills are all helping to create new beginnings for our mountain neighbors in need.

Happy Spring!

Sharon

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Mission

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EChO's Client Services

Cathy Baim, Director of Client Services

Spring is a time of renewal and re-energizing at Evergreen Christian Outreach. Many new and exciting events and programs continue to be added. Our two graduate school interns from Denver Seminary, Breanne Peder- sen and Lauren Jennings, bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our counseling program. They contin- ue to hold once a month Feel Good Bingo sessions at Green Ridge Meadows Apartments for the seniors who live there. The object is to help seniors identify and begin to deal with depression through these sessions and offer continuing counseling when needed. They have also developed three group workshops using art and mu- sic to bring another aspect of counseling to our clients.

The EChO Jobs Program continues to expand. Our two workshop presenters, Evergreen Chamber Volunteers of The Year, Ken Carlson and Bruce Thoms, have developed a two hour, once per month, workshop for resume writing. They continue to hold the all day Jobs Workshop once a month. Ken and Bruce are also involved in the planning of our MOUNTAIN AREA JOB FAIR. This year we have combined efforts with Mountain Resource Center (MRC) to bring a job fair to our communities on Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 2p.m.- 5 p.m. at Aspen Ridge Church. This is a free event for the employers as well as the job seekers in our mountain community. We will hold a job fair twice a year continuing our working relationship with Moun- tain Resource Center. The next job fair will be in the fall of this year. Please refer employers as well as job seekers to the Mountain Area Job Fair. We have developed a combined website with information about EChO's jobs programs as well as Mountain Resource Center's jobs program. The new website is www.mountainareajobs.org Register online for the job fair as well as workforce classes that continue to be offered regarding employment possibilities.



An additional workshop "Once You Have a Job How to Keep a Job" is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2014 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. The presenter, Jim Rohrer, is very knowledgeable about this subject as he has written a book "Never Lose Your Job, Become a More Valuable Player". Please put this workshop on your calendar as it can improve your bottom line at work.

Our Budget Program Workshop presented by David Rommelmann continues to provide a clearer understand- ing of how to make the most of your income. What are the hidden costs and expenditures, how to balance your budget, and move yourself to a better understanding of sustainability and self-sufficiency. Call or look on our website for the next budget workshop scheduled.

We continue to extend a hand to our mountain neighbors in need through our programs as well as our other resources to provide sustainability/self-sufficiency, and hope on their journey toward independence. Please join us in these efforts by spreading the word about our programs to those in our community who might bene- fit. Thank you.

Spread the Word!



Hear from an EChO client: *"I can't tell you how much I appreciate the kind, non-judgmental and straight forward moral and financial support you and your organization unquestioningly gave to a discouraged soul!"*

Food Bank

Jim Shelton, Manager

Food for Evergreen Children Comes Full Circle

Last fall, after the second successful summer lunch program at EChO, a newly formed group from Evergreen Rotary and Evergreen Lutheran Church inaugurated Mountain Backpacks. This initiative complements EChO's summer lunches, providing weekend breakfast and lunch for children in need during the school year. Backpacks are picked up right at the child's school on Fridays, full of nutritious ingredients, and are returned on Mondays to be refilled. Summer lunches supply weekday lunch ingredients when schools are not in session.

The Backpack group began with three students at Parmalee Elementary, and has expanded to 25 at that one school. The program is so well received that several other schools are asking to be included in next fall's effort! Wilmot and the Bergens are slated to join this coming August, and the backpack crew feels like they have the experience to handle it.

EChO helped Mountain Backpacks get rolling by publicizing it with our clients. Now they are returning the favor by promoting summer lunches to existing Backpackers and the new school administrations. What we have found is that the need for these programs is much greater than expected. These are the most sensitive members of our community to nutrition shortfall. At this summer's end, EChO will again let lunch recipients know about Backpacks at their schools.



Free Lunches for Kids!

Your \$10 Donation will Provide

5 Lunches a Week During the Summer
And a Month of Weekend Backpack Lunches During the School Year

EChO 2014 Summer Lunch Program

EChO is anticipating an increase beyond last year's 85+ summer participants, and is **looking for a larger space** to assemble the lunch packages.

We could also use **volunteers and financial support** for the Summer 2014 program.

Contact Jim Shelton, Food Bank Manager, if you can help at 303 670-1796.

St. Raphael's

Bonnie Imoe, Manager

We have been very excited to present free beginners workshops to clients in our new multi-media art studio at St. Raphael's. Interested clients who have the opportunity to come to these workshops can now start learning how to crochet, knit & make beaded jewelry & handbags. But we are just getting started. Intermediate & advanced level workshops are on the horizon, as well as other workshops such as tile mosaic art & wire wrapped jewelry. In addition, graduate counseling interns from the Denver Seminary are facilitating clients in the studio with brief workshops on understanding the expression of self through art. The studio will be especially beneficial to clients on a fixed income or who have physical or psychological disabilities, as it may serve them therapeutically & open new avenues for personal supplemental income potential.

Also, it's "spring cleaning fever" time again! We can always use your unused art or craft supplies & you can find a complete list of all especially needed items below or just swing by with your donations during regular business hours. We are always grateful for your support! Special thanks also go out to all who came forward to assist with & contribute to St. Nick's & St. Raphael's Divine Creations Studio. What you give is how we help local families at Christmas time & year round. You are all greatly appreciated!

ST. RAPHAEL'S NEEDS

- *Kitchen Gadgets & Misc.
- *Coffee Makers & Toasters
- *Pots, Pans & Skillets
- Summer Clothing for all
- Men's Shoes & Work Boots
- *Drinking Glasses & Dishes
- Towels & Rugs
- *Microwaves & Blenders

FOOD BANK NEEDS

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| *Hearty Soups | *Diapers – size 3,4, or 5 |
| *Cold Cereal | Toothpaste |
| *Canned Fruit | Razors & Bar Soap |
| *Toilet Paper | Toothbrushes |
| *Spaghetti sauce | Chicken Noodle Soup |
| Canned mixed veggie | Laundry Soap |
| Canned Beans & Chili | Cookie Mix & Frosting |
| Canned Ravioli | |
| & SpaghettiOs | |

EChO Resale Shop

Kim Gaudet, Operations Manager

EChO Resale is again renewing its commitment to the Evergreen community! We are moving our furniture department to our existing side of the store. It will once again be one, amazing, 10,000 sq. ft store. We have been referred to as the “everything” store. You will be able to find great deals on clothing, house wares, electronics, furniture, shoes, collectable, sporting equipment, toys, books, media, home décor, jewelry and much more! The store continues to get better and better!

With spring arriving soon, fresh, beautiful, spring clothing is being put out daily. EChO Resale is a great place to recycle by donating your lightly used items to our store. You can also shop and find fun items that are new to you. The proceeds from your purchase assist your neighbors in need. It’s a win-win situation for everyone in our community! Donations can be dropped off at the store Monday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. We also pick-up furniture donations in our mountain community for free. Please call the store at 303-679-8280 if you would like to schedule a pick-up.

With the new season brings lots of exciting transition at EChO Resale Shop. Come see all the new changes happening at Evergreen North Shopping Center and remember you can donate, shop and get sizzling deals all while assisting your neighbors in need, all in one amazing place.

Thank you for all your support!

New Face AT EChO

Janice McClure
Client Services Manager



I’m a Colorado native, and moved to the Evergreen/Conifer area 2 years ago from Denver. I have a son and a daughter and two wonderful grandchildren. My careers have included real estate broker, high school teacher, school counselor, gift store owner, furniture rescuer, and airline gate agent, My passion has always been counseling and helping others, so my new job at EChO is perfect for me!

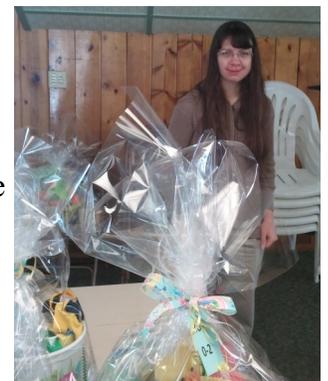
My education background includes BA in Psychology, MA in Counseling Psychology, and PhD in Psychology. Soon I will have my Licensed Professional Counselor designation.

I like hiking, snowshoeing, recreating cast-off items, painting, reading, movies, being with my family, and loving on my grandbabies.

YOUTH . . .The hope for our future.

A big thank you to Ashley Snyder, a recent nominee for Youth of the Year by the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce for helping make Easter a time of celebration for many of the children in our community.

Ashley works year round collecting items and assembling Easter Baskets for EChO clients. Her baskets are a real work of art and we are so happy to have her as an EChO volunteer. This year she put together 150 baskets for the children.



Giving is love in motion . . . Share the Love!

Community First Foundation makes it easy to “share the love” with year round, on line giving. You can make a one time donation or set up monthly contributions by going to our website at www.evergreenchristianoutreach.org and clicking on the “Donate Now” button located in the top right hand corner. All credit card and processing fees are covered by Community First Foundation so 100% of your donation goes directly to EChO.

Did you know, for as little as \$10 per month you can provide a weekend backpack lunch for a child on the free and reduced lunch program at school? For \$20 per month you can provide meals for children participating in our summer lunch program. Year round giving helps support our programs and helps us meet the ever increasing demands for food and services in our mountain communities.

You can also donate in honor or memory of someone. Holidays, birthdays, special occasions, or anytime you feel like making a difference – please consider making a gift to EChO! Help us “share the love”!

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Volunteer Spotlight

Mary Petrich, Volunteer Coordinator



Sweep Out the Cobwebs and Try Something New

One of the benefits of volunteering for EChO is that it provides the chance to jump in and try something new and the seasonal change is the perfect time to take the leap. If you have been volunteering for any length of time you may want to explore options to enhance your current involvement. There are opportunities you may not have considered or of which you may not be aware. Sometimes just a change of location can be fun. If you have always worked at the Resale Shop, come see what is happening at the food bank. Sign up for 9 Cares Colorado Shares Food Drive on June 15. The suggestion is to try something new, not necessarily make a permanent change.

If you work at St. Raphaels, mix it up and try a shift at the Resale Shop or the Home Store. You may love it and want to sub there on an occasional basis. If you work with the Jobs Program or in Special Events, schedule yourself to work a shift at any of the EChO locations to see what is being accomplished daily. If you have been volunteering for more than five years consider scheduling a refresher orientation. Meet with your Volunteer Coordinator and discuss what is available to expand your volunteer experience. The idea is to enjoy the luxury of dabbling in many areas which will enable you to broaden your knowledge, experiences and friendships.

As an EChO Volunteer you are a member of a group of talented, interesting and delightful individuals who are committed to service to their community. Take the chance, mix it up and get to know them all.

The Volunteer Appreciation Brunch will be held on Friday, May 2 at Hiwan Country Club at 9 o'clock. Save the date and join the fun. RSVP to Mary at 303-670-1796 or mary@evergreenchristianoutreach.org

Upcoming Events—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **April 24—Resume Writing Class** 9am-11am
- **April 26 & 27—Mountain Area Home & Garden Show** at Evergreen High School, bring 2 cans of canned food for free admission.
- **May 1—Mountain Area Job Fair** 2-5pm at Aspen Ridge Church
- **May 2—EChO Volunteer Appreciation Bruch** at Hiwan Country Club 9am
- **May 13—Jobs Workshop** 8am-4pm
- **May 29—Resume Writing Class** 9am-11am
- **June 14 – 9 Cares/ColoradoShare Food and Clothing Drive** at King Soopers in Bergen Park from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Many hands make light work. We need **LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS** to help collect food and clothing. Please consider taking a two hour shift.
- **July 19—Electronic Recycle Event**
- **June 19—One Hundred Holes of Golf Fundraiser**
- **July 21—Andy Smith Sr. Memorial Special Needs Golf Tournament**

To Golf or not to “Golf”

Choose one or both this Summer and help Support EChO

Andy Smith Sr. Memorial Special Needs Golf Tournament at Hiwan Golf Club.

July 21

Get a foursome together and help support EChO
Sponsored by Mountain Foothills Rotary Fund Raiser

Continental Breakfast

Silent Auction

Door Prizes

Buffet Lunch



June 19

Teams made up of 4 players
10 balls
10 holes
100 Holes

Three reasons for this concept: leadership, fun & making a bigger impact. This is not really about golf— but raising money from others around the world.

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Evergreen

Contact Lori Frease if you are interested in participating in either Golfing Event -303-670-7295

A Legacy for the Future offered by Jean and Mike Wells Dedication to Feed the Hungry

Many friends of EChO know Mike and Jean Wells. Mike, a former pilot for Continental Airlines is a top-notch handyman who has fixed locks on doors, thresholds, picked up wood from all over the area for distribution from the Food Bank, picked up furniture for the Resale Shop and even delivered furniture to our buyers from the Resale Shop. You will see his red pickup truck all over Evergreen and surrounding communities and he always has a big smile on his face. Thank you, Mike.

Jean has volunteered at the Resale Shop for many years. Her dedication extended far beyond the Shop while she served as Treasurer of the EChO Board for 2 three year terms. Six years of preparing reports for every Executive Committee Meeting and General Board meeting. That is A LOT of reports and numbers. Her attention to detail has kept the financial records in impeccable order. Her leadership and guidance working with our dedicated bookkeeper, Cindy Costello, has kept the financial profile of EChO stable, even during difficult economic times.

Together they have shared a plan they have made for the future of EChO. They have included Evergreen Christian Outreach in their wills. This planned giving is a future gift that we do not hope to see for a very long time. Like, Mike and Jean please consider EChO in your planned giving, it would be a great gift to Evergreen Christian Outreach and the future of the organization.



Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 3110 and Brown Troop 4186 for donating 187 pounds of Girl Scout Cookies in March, and Girl Scout Juniors Troop 3922 for the 80 boxes and your volunteer time at EChO Resale.



Thank you I.C. Elk for helping out at EChO and promoting the Ice Melt Contest whose proceeds benefit EChO. And a special thank you to Adeline Anderson for selling all the tickets at the Resale Store.

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