



# HELP THE NEEDY TIMES

## Meeting the Challenge

With the increased volume of clients comes a necessity of a more streamlined process for helping them. The Administration team has recognized and addressed this challenge by holding meeting after hours to focus on implementing procedures and policies that mirror each other and



Judy Barton

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## Our response to a new level of need

The recent economic downturn has brought Help the Needy more clients with ever increasing levels of need. These

They are partnering with community employers to help defray the costs of employing eligible youth for the summer.

our mission to the people of  
Teller County.

## NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Carolyn Mattedi has taken on a big challenge with her new role as HtN Administrator.

With a great deal of energy and lots of dedication she has delved into the management of the office day to day activities with grace and aplomb. "I believe this organization has helped a lot of people in Teller County and I am grateful to be a part of it. I'll do my best."



Carolyn Mattedi

"new clients" average a request for monetary assistance at a level 17% higher than our average client in 2008. With this increased need and the 34% increase in the number of clients, we are facing a \$30,000 increase in client funding this year. Our only answer to this increased demand is to increase the number and level of grant requests and our fund raising efforts.

The number of clients coming in due to the loss of employment has never been higher. In an effort to assist with the job losses, we are partnering with the Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC). The PPWFC has a multitude of tools to assist in finding employment that include re-training and job search assistance.

With the adult job pool shrinking the outlook for summer youth employment looks very grim. The PPWFC offers help for the kids as well.

With all of this, we are forced to rely more heavily on the friends of HtN to ensure continued client services through these trying times. In anticipation of this, we want to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support. With all of this, we are forced to rely more heavily on the friends of HtN to ensure continued client services through these trying times. In anticipation of this, we want to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support.

The HtN Board has cleared the way for a new program of youth volunteers. We will have teens working at the reception desk for the summer. Our first two volunteers are in training now and will begin shadowing this Wednesday. Ed Parkhurst is leading the way for our teens.



## How Colorado Non Profits are Affected by the Downturn

in a recent survey of nonprofits, 40% reported that their organizations fell short of their revenue goals. Furthermore, more than half have experienced the reduction or elimination of funding from a major supporter due to the current economy. Unfortunately, Some agencies were unable to meet the needs of their current clients.



Joe Zunich

Joe Zunich learned about Help the Needy from Greg Schilling, the founder of the organization, seven years ago.

Five years ago he took the next step and volunteered; interviewing at the former locations in the Our Lady of the Woods church basement.

## What Volunteers really mean to Help the Needy.

We asked our retiring Volunteer Coordinator about his time with Help the Needy

needed. Joe has enjoyed his tenure as Volunteer Coordinator and says it has been a real pleasure being Volunteer Coordinator because of the kindness of the other volunteers.

The hardest thing about the job, according

*"It's been a real pleasure, everyone"*

with a combination of quick wit and a willing heart.

Many people have walked in through the door to the reception desk to find a patient man with a great heart ready to

help them.

His tenacity and determination make it hard to



Mason Moreland

Woodland Park High School has kindly begun the process of getting a website for Help the Needy.

Q: Tell me how you first got involved with Help the Needy.

Mr. Zunich has been one of the hardest working and most versatile volunteers in the history of this 30 yr. old organization, working on everything from the reception desk, the newsletter and even janitorial tasks as

to Joe, is to find enough people with strong backs when the more physical projects arise.  
Joe has met every challenge  
*has been very kind.*  
*-Joe Zunich"*  
believe he will be eighty years old a week from Saturday.  
Though you certainly deserve to retire from it Joe, the job will never be quite as well done.

## Q & A with our Webmaster:

A: I was originally recruited by our school IT, Jeff Gatlin. He came to me looking for a student that knew the programming well enough to develop a website and I obliged.

Q: What has surprised you most about working with HtN?

A: How friendly and understanding everyone at HtN has been to me.

Q: Tell me about someone who influenced you to work with HtN

A: Jeff was my recruiter. I learned a lot of what I know about web development from him. He was my golf coach as a freshman and has been my favorite teacher at the high school since.

Q: What do you think will change about HtN over the next five years?

A: Well, with all of my hopes and prayers...the website.

## Daniels Fund Grant

During these difficult times, we are pleased to announce that the Daniels Fund board approved a \$10,000 grant to Help the Needy for Client Services in May.

This fund was established in 1997 by Bill Daniels, a pioneer in cable television known for his kindness and generosity to those in need. When he died in 2002, his estate transformed to

The Daniels Fund supports organizations that help homeless individuals or families achieve and maintain self-sufficiency by providing emergency services and transitional

**"Help the Needy fit the profile for helping the homeless and disadvantaged."**

-Noah Atencio

housing with supportive services. An emphasis is placed on highly structured programs that promote personal responsibility and achievement.\*



Charles Schroeder

Gonzales. HtN Grant Writer, Charles Schroeder did the vital work of submitting a grant proposal to Mr. Attencio, who was interested enough to make a site visit to Help the Needy in April. After talking to Mary and Charles, he recommended the \$10,000 grant be made to Help the Needy. This generous grant will be of

## EYE ON IT Process refined

Be aware that many of our forms have been updated because of new documentation requirements . DSS, or the Department of Social Services, is now the Department of Human Services. Energy Outreach Colorado or EOC has new documentation requirements for the number of rooms in the client home whether or not it has been weatherized and income verification. Accordingly, our client intake documents have changed; notably the L1 form.

2000, his estate transferred to the Fund, making it the largest foundation in the Rocky Mountain region.

Homelessness was a particular concern for Bill Daniels and his lifetime of philanthropy reflected it.

Mr. Noah Atenicio, Assistant Vice President, Grants Program, became aware of Help the Needy at Rural Philanthropy Days in November when he met HtN Executive Director, Mary Gonzales.

This generous grant will be of great benefit to our clients in the months ahead. However, local businesses and individuals are vital donors to Help the Needy as well, providing 25% of our income as of June 1st of this year.

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## Recruiting Corner

### **What kind of person does Help the Needy need ?**

People with an interest in our community and a desire to make things better for those who are down on their luck.

Are you home from college, out of school for the summer and looking for something interesting and challenging to do this summer? Come and talk to us about some-

while learning new skills and meeting interesting people. No special experience or education is required. Computer skills are always welcome. As little as four hours a week of your time can make a big difference in a someone's life.

We need a Volunteer Trainer, Client Intake and Case Managers to help with the increased load. Call 687-7273 or come by the office at the corner of Center and Henrietta in Woodland Park .



### **Jobs & Careers Resources**

Pikes Peak Workforce is now offering new programs for job seekers. Interested? Come in and check with us or go to [www.connectingcolorado.com](http://www.connectingcolorado.com) to register and to gain access to training opportunities with the Pikes Peak Workforce.



Ed Parkhurst

## Volunteer Development

Ed Parkhurst, one of our stellar volunteers, is one of Help the Needy's Most Valuable Team Players. Ed makes a mean cup of coffee, is extremely talented and extremely friendly and helpful as well. Go Ed!

## Items of Interest

- **Firewood update.**

Leo Vetter and his crew have cut, split and delivered 150 cords of wood this past winter. That is a tremendous amount of wood and a lot of hard work. Many folks stayed warm because of Leo and his indefatigable gang. Thanks Leo!



- **\$2500 Grant for Retention Pond Beautification.**

A \$2500 grant has been awarded from the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company in conjunction with the Woodland Park Office of Economic and Downtown Development to make the retention pond more attractive.

- **Annual Picnic, Saturday, June 20th**

The annual Help the Needy picnic will be held at the HTN building on June 20th from 2 to 6 pm. Please bring your beverage and a dish to share.

Call the office to let us know what you will bring! Main dish and utensils provided.

