

From the President

In 2009, our budget is only running approximately 5% less than 2008. Unfortunately, our clients and their needs have doubled so far this year. We will begin additional fund raising efforts on several fronts this fall. I challenge each and every team member and board director to reach in to your pockets and find a few dollars to donate. More importantly, sit down and make a personal list of friends, family and acquaintances who understand the important work you and HTN does for people in need who may be willing to contribute a few dollars to our cause. Our mission will never go away because there will always be people in need.



Tony Perry, President, BOD

Terry Lutz, Volunteer of the Year 2007



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Volunteer of the Year 2008 - Pat O'Dell

Pat O is one the finest ladies we have had the pleasure to know. She came to us from the Mountain View United Methodist Church. She said she saw the need and felt it might be a fit for her. A "fit" is a giant understatement. Pat hit the ground running and hasn't looked back. She is one of our finest Interviewers. Her approach comes from her education background. As a 5th grade teacher, she takes "no prisoners" she is tough. However, she is also fair and extremely caring; I have seen tears in her eyes for her clients. I have also seen her oh so politely tell the users and abusers to keep on moving, there is nothing for them here. She has a way about her that gets to the heart of the matter. In addition to all of the above, Pat was



selected Volunteer of the Year, 2008, because she is always willing to go the extra mile. She will come in when there is a need and she will stay as long as it takes. She is willing to take the tough cases and never shrinks from the hard work a case might take.

She knows when to ask for help and she is always there to lend a hand to others.

Pat epitomizes what we look for in our volunteers. She is a lady through and through, and her heart is as big as her homeland "Texas".

We are very grateful she is with us and hope she will stay with us for many more years. Pat has truly set the bar high for other to emulate. Thanks so much Pat and congratulations you are very deserving of this award.

Where your donation money goes*

Number of Client Families: **99**
Client Expenses: **\$33451.00**
Average per client **\$337.88**

Volunteer Hours: **2814**

* these are 2nd quarter statistics.

Mountain Hearts

Tony Perry, the president of our board of directors, was working the HtN Bake Sale at the Mountain Arts Festival when a young man with a little boy and a little girl came to the table. The little boy handed Tony a five dollar bill. Tony's mother asked the little boy what he wanted to buy. The boy's father stepped up and said, "No, that's a donation. Help the Needy helped us out when we really needed it. We want to give back what we can".

At the Mountain Arts Festival, August 1st and 2nd we raised \$1019.00. Thanks to all who baked, sold and purchased.

Ed Parkhurst



Ed Parkhurst has been selected Volunteer of the Quarter for the Second Quarter of 2009. Ed is the go-to person in Help the Needy. He knows most all the answers and if he does not know, he will get the information for you. Ed is invaluable to Help the Needy, he is our Volunteer Coordinator and keeper of the time clock (Yuk! What a job!) However, Ed never complains. He always

What Volunteers really mean to Help the Needy.

Spotlight on the Volunteer of the Quarter

smiles and helps in any way he can. Recently Ed volunteered to go out to the local churches

and recruit volunteers. "Ed cares about the futures of our youth

This is very typical of

and it shows"

-Sareva Parkhurst

him, he sees a need and he fills it, and usually with a big smile. Kudos to you Ed, we would be lost without you.

Ed and his wife Sareva have been instrumental in

the success of our summer youth program. They put in many extra hours to ensure the teens got the best training they could give them; they were there for them if they had questions and provided wonderful guidance. All this has ensured the teens had a positive experience and that they took away more than just the hours they put in.



Sally Kilton

Sally Kilton, a student at Woodland Park High School, volunteered as a receptionist at Help the Needy this summer. We were exceptionally pleased with Sally's quality of work; she far exceeded

Q & A with one of our Youth Volunteers:

our expectations. Sally completed 93.4 hours of volunteering this summer and plans to continue after school.

Q: How did you become aware of Help the Needy?

A: I just drove by the building one day and notice the sign. I was looking for something to do this summer that would be positive for

me as well as others.

Q: What is your favorite thing you've done at Help the Needy?

A: Learning how to work in an office; especially how to be professional on the phone with all kinds of people. I am happy that I've

learned how to do many of the jobs around the office without any help.

Q: What surprised you the most about Help the Needy?

A: That everyone is a volunteer, that's really neat.

Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company Grant

Help the Needy (HtN), is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$2,500 grant from the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V). Announcement of the grant was received from Jane Mannon, Manager of Community Affairs for CC&V.

“This really shows how CC&V cares.”

-Charles Schroeder

Help the Needy is located in the Downtown Development Area (DDA) of Woodland Park. This grant was designated to help in a landscaping project on Help the Needy's new property. “We are very pleased to receive this grant to enhance the appearance of our building and property. Prior to this project, our property had an unsightly reten-

tion pond. We have placed boulders and river rock in the area and have planted it with shrubs and flowering plants...it really looks nice” said Charles Schroeder, Grant Writer for HtN. “This really shows how CC&V cares about the counties and communities where its' employees live and work.”

Neighboring businesses have received a fantastic facelift recently, and Help the Needy has a desire to do it's part to enhance the image of Woodland Park for visitors and residences.

This generous grant will continue to have a positive impact on HtN and Woodland Park.



Since the first phase was completed, additional landscaping has been added and the wood stored on the property has been moved and the area cleaned up. A flagstone marker recognizing the contributions of CC&V has been installed in the landscaped area. “We look forward to working with Ms. Mannon and CC&V on future projects”, said Schroeder.



Administration Notes -by Carolyn

We have been working on streamlining paperwork we must do to apply for grant monies. A real challenge, but so necessary to the families we serve.

HtN was a presence at the Downtown Makeover The “Carnival Games” booths, set up on our building grounds were manned by HtN and Park State Bank volunteers. The children who visited them had a great time bowling, ring tossing, fishing and throwing darts at balloons.

The bake sale at “Wine and Notes” netted \$169.00; enough to pay someone's' electric bill.

Tips from Kristen

First impressions are impactful. Receptionists and intake workers will usually be the first people that our clients come in contact with at Help the Needy. When a client comes in the door simply smiling, being upbeat and positive, and asking how you can help them will quickly ease their stress level. Listening to them and making them priority at that moment in time communicates more than any words ever will. It clearly conveys that we are here to help.

Recruiting Corner

Ed and Sareva Parkhurst are speaking out and making a difference



Ed Parkhurst, volunteer coordinator, recently spoke at all services of Our Lady of the Woods and to the retirees' group of Mountain View United Methodist Church.

Ed shared that we have volunteer opportunities for **reception, intake, and special events planning and execution**. The response was tremendous. Five new volunteers were trained for reception and intake with three more preparing for training in September. We have had several retirements, changes in family situations, and volunteers who have obtained full-time employment. We still need **volunteers for reception/intake and the firewood team**.

Due to health issues, the **firewood coordinator** position is also available. This position will become even more important as we near the heating season.

Please stop in our office from 9:00-4:00 on Monday through Friday to complete a **volunteer application** if you can help out with any of these positions .

Volunteer Development

Our Volunteers are the backbone of our organization.

They find inner strength and compassion they didn't know they had. Just offering a cup of coffee or glass of water brightens someone's day.

We are always open to new ideas and are always encouraged when our volunteers find a way to help us be more efficient. One of our teen volunteers said, "I was thinking about our fundraisers, what if we started doing this...?"

Come join us! Bring your ideas and talents!

Items of Interest

• Janet Wilk Retiring

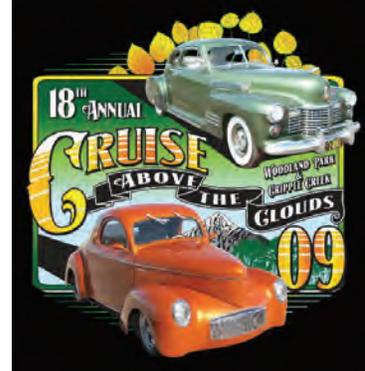
Janet Wilk, has been a regular with us since 2002, she is the embodiment of what we look for in a volunteer. Janet is warm and caring and the clients relate to her so well. We will miss her and hope she will not forget where we are, we would love to see her now and again. Thank you so much Janet for all these years of service.

• Firewood Crew Needs a Leader

Unfortunately, Leo Vetter will be leaving us at the end of August due to health problems. Leo has done an outstanding job and has been such a pleasure to work with, we will really miss him. Thanks Leo!

• HtN at Cruise Above The Clouds

Help the Needy volunteers will be offering coffee and donuts, cotton candy and baked goods at the annual Cruise Above the Clouds in return for a small donation Saturday September 12th and Sunday the 13th in downtown Woodland Park. See you there!



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