

## From the President

I would like to thank all of the volunteers, auction contributors and attendees of the First Annual Valentine's Day Fundraiser. The fundraiser was our first event to seed our capital campaign and build an endowment fund to secure the ability of Help the Needy to fund operations for years to come. The idea is to build the endowment to a level where the interest earned by the endowment can fund ongoing operations. This initiative, as well as a commitment to continue to adapt and improve



Gene and Clara Lippy at the Valentines Ball

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## A "Hearty" Valentines Celebration

When it comes to having fun, Help the Needy volunteers know how to do it right. As a new fundraising endeavor, we held our first annual Valentine's Day Sweetheart Ball. The semi-formal event was a huge success

"Swing Factory", wooed us through the evening with the 1940's and 1950's dance tunes. Everyone enjoyed the group, and they have agreed to play for us again next year.

our organization, will allow us to always be there to give a “hand up”.

The board has decided to follow the lead of our volunteers and look for ways to be a more effective board of directors. The board has begun working with a “donated” consultant to help analyze board and committee structures and prepare the board for the challenges ahead. The board has committed to this process and will emerge stronger and more supportive than ever for our organization. In a time when our clients are facing more challenges than ever, our volunteers, management team and board of directors stand ready to meet those challenges proactively.

Tony Perry, President, BOD



The semi-formal event was a huge success. The comments have been very nice, with “what a fun evening”, and “a great idea, so different from what we normally have here” the most frequently heard. You could hardly recognize the Ute Pass Cultural Center when our team was finished setting up, it looked like a Valentine wonderland, hearts, flowers and glitter abounded. We want to thank our Ball Team, Claire Watson, Therese Wallis, Roxanne Tysdal, Fran Brown, and Carolyn Mattedi, great job ladies!

We started the evening by providing a professional photo of each couple, beautifully done by Teresa Lee Photography. The pictures were lovely and everyone was very pleased with the way they turned out. They have agreed to be our photographers again next year.

We then progressed to our live auction where Ben Caperton was entertaining and effective as the auctioneer. Both the live and silent auctions were quite successful. We are so grateful to all the generous people who donated items to be auctioned and who purchased items.

The Raffle of the diamond necklace and earrings was won by Nitia Schroeder and the specially designed amethyst necklace from Charitable Treasures was won by Cathy Bonner.

The music provided by Craig Harms and his

The food was fantastic, the Swiss Chalet furnished the appetizers and the rolls; Tabeguache donated a wonderful beef in wine sauce; the Mucky Duck donated a wonderful Turkey Tetrazzini. Our own “Chef” Bruce Kinney wowed us with a Pork Roladen that was out of this world. Bruce did a fantastic job of pulling the dinner together. The young people who volunteered to serve and clean up for us were just great.

The only negative of the evening was we ran out of food just before the last table was served. However, our guests were very understanding and refused to take their money back. We will be better prepared next year.

We want to thank all of our volunteers who put so much “heart” into the affair and the businesses and individuals who donated items and contributed so much to the success of our endeavor. We look forward to making it even bigger and better next year, be sure to keep February 12, 2011 open!

Mary Gonzales, Executive Director



## Where your donation money goes\*

Number of Client

Families: **303**

Client Expenses:

**\$39140.00**

Average per client

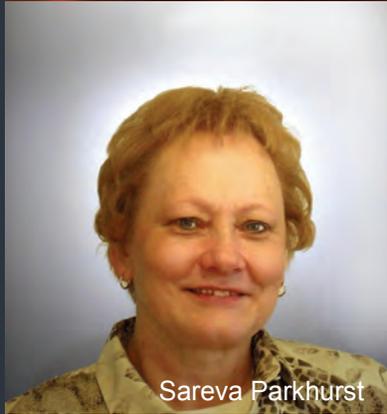
**\$130.47**

Volunteer Hours: **5750**

\* these are 1st quarter statistics.

## Volunteer Development

Volunteers work, grow, and develop new ideas. As they get involved in various duties, ideas about how we can better serve our clients and make our office more efficient arise. We are always excited about trying



Sareva Parkhurst

Sareva Parkhurst was honored as the Volunteer of the Quarter for the Third Quarter of 2009, Sareva we apologize for this article being so late. Sareva was born in Denver, but her family moved to Minnesota when she was only 2. She spent her adult life in central Illinois as a fifth and sixth grade teacher. Going above and beyond is the phrase that best describes Sareva both in her teaching career and here at Help the Needy.

## What Volunteers really mean to Help the Needy.

### Spotlight on the Volunteer of the 3rd Quarter

ducted a life skills and budgeting program for her fifth graders that included each fifth grader be assigned to a career mentor in the community and working part of a day with that mentor. After many summer vacations in Colorado, Sareva and her husband, Ed, were able to retire from teaching to Woodland Park in 2007. At Greg Sebillin's urging

**“I love the camaraderie of people here all working to help others”**

summer she worked closely with CEO Mary Gonzales to develop a program for high school volunteers and for two volunteers completing community service. Sareva has also led special training for our administration staff to help in understanding the mindsets of those living in generational poverty and of emotionally challenged teens. Sareva enjoys getting to know

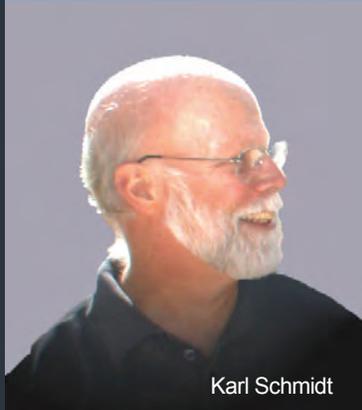
out new ideas that will better help our organization.

One such program is the budget and job assistance program. Kay Calvert is our budget and job assistance mentor. Many of our clients need training on how to use their incomes more effectively. They need assistance on how to find jobs and training for a job. One of those clients came in later and very excitedly said, "I did what she told me! I did what she told me!" She saved the money Kay had suggested a long with other things – the result – the client was able to put a deposit and first month's rent on a newly built apartment in Divide. She had been previously living in a motel with her one year old daughter.

Sareva earned the Award for Educational Excellence from the Illinois State Board of Education in 1980. She was selected as outstanding teacher by the Bloomington-Normal Sunrise Rotary for the 1996-97 school year. For many years she con-

2007. At Greg Schilling's urging, they began volunteering at Help the Needy in 2008. Sareva served as a receptionist and intake worker. In 2009 she added check writer and team leader for receptionists and intake to her responsibilities. Last

Sareva enjoys getting to know the volunteers she works with. She is always concerned about them; she often comes in when one of them is unable to work a shift. Help the Needy is truly blessed to have Sareva Parkhurst as a volunteer.



Karl Schmidt

Karl has been volunteering with Help the Needy since 2008. He quickly proved to be a great

## Karl Schmidt, Volunteer of 1st Qtr

asset to our company of great volunteers. He works in Intake and is a Checkwriter. He was encouraged by Greg Schilling, our founder, to volunteer. He thought it over for awhile and with Greg's persistent reminders he made the plunge into HtN. Karl really enjoys the interaction with people that Intake entails.

Talking to people and listening to them is one of Karl's strong points. One of the rewards for him is the sense of satisfaction when all the forms for a new client have been successfully completed electronically. However the best reward is the sense of doing something for the community he lives in and the sense of purpose it gives back to him. Thank you, Karl!

# 2009 Funding Agencies



Help the Needy (HtN) received a \$6,000 grant from the Osborne Trust as well as a \$5,000 grant from the Anschutz Family Foundation during 2009. These grants provided significant support to the on-going mission of Help the Needy in providing a hand-up instead of a hand-out.

The Osborne Trust has supported Help the Needy for a number of years. This trust was founded by William and Betty Osborne, and is managed by the Rotary Club of the Garden of the

The trust was established to specifically target the west side of Colorado Springs and Teller County. Help the Needy fits nicely into boundaries specified by the trust while providing the type of service to the less fortunate that the Osbornes wanted to serve.

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The Anschutz Family Foundation supports Colorado nonprofit organizations that assist people to help themselves while nurturing and preserving their self-respect. The Foundation encourages endeav-

the elderly and the disabled. The Foundation is also dedicated to funding efforts in rural Colorado

Help the Needy is a perfect match for the type of organization that the Anschutz Foundation supports in that our focus is helping people help themselves. Not only do we provide help to families that are in unfortunate financial situations, but we also help our clients understand what got them into their situation and provide a plan to help them toward self-sufficiency.

"Without support from organiza-

## Administration Notes - by Carolyn

We have been busy here until recently. In these difficult times, we're seeing more clients who are struggling to stay afloat. With that in mind, we had a little excitement when a client suffered a meltdown a few weeks ago. Fortunately no one was hurt in the process and the situation was quickly brought under control.

This brought to the forefront the necessity of making certain that our volunteers know how to react in such a situation. To that end, Officer Keith Ritchie of the Woodland Park Police Dept. was kind enough to spend time with us showing us what to do and what not to do to remain safe when a client loses control. He urged us to call 911 because the police are trained just how to handle such situations.

## Tips from Kristen

Gods in Colorado Springs. The announcement of the funding was provided by Donna Sawaya, Chairman of the Osborne Advisory Trustees. The Osbornes owned and operated a pharmacy in Old Colorado City.

ors that strengthen families and communities and advance individuals to become productive and responsible citizens. There is a special interest in self-sufficiency, community development and programs aimed at the economically disadvantaged, the young,

tions like these, it would be very difficult to continue to fulfill our mission” stated Charles Schroeder, Grant Writer. “We look forward to continuing our relationship with these wonderful charities.”

HtN has clear guidelines for it's volunteers for ethical conduct while volunteering. While going through their initial training, all individuals working with HtN sign an agreement to adhere to the ethical and confidentiality policies and procedures of HtN. These include:

- Always treat the client with respect.
- All information received from the client is confidential, including their name and the reasons they have come to HtN for help.
- We are advocates for the clients, thus our personal opinions and judgments must not interfere.
- In our communications with the client we are spokespersons for HtN. All aid provided will be given in the name of HtN.

Following these policies allow us to serve our clients equitably and the respect they deserve.

## Recruiting Corner



Ed Parkhurst

Help the Needy volunteers were very active in February. Including the hours worked for the Valentine's Ball, our volunteers worked 1729.5 hours in February. Even without the hours worked for the ball, over 1200 hours

were worked in our office or with providing firewood—a new monthly high. We are so thankful for our volunteers who give so many hours of their time.

We have also welcomed several new volunteers as receptionists, intake people, a new interviewer, a new case worker, web design person, and marketer. Due to some of our volunteers retiring and getting full-time employment (for which we are thankful but will miss them), we would welcome new volunteers—especially as receptionists and client intake workers. Currently we are working on a presentation to let people know what Help the Needy is and to share volunteer opportunities with willing audiences here in Teller County.

## Volunteer Story

Rhetta has been volunteering at Help the Needy for three months now.

She heard about HtN and they work we do from Claire and Geoff, a great volunteering couple at HtN.

Rhetta felt her help was needed so she asked Claire about it, who brought her an application. Rhetta enjoys the interaction with people at Help the Needy and likes doing something for people in need and the community at large. She previously lived in Cincinnati where she had an art gallery and framing shop. She has lived in Woodland Park for fifteen years.

## Items of Interest

### • Raffle Drawing April 9th

A raffle drawing will be held at one o'clock on April 9th at the HtN office for a one week vacation at the Grand Timber Lodge in Breckenridge from May 29 to June 5. The tickets are \$25.00 each, available at the office. Come and see us at 117 N Center St.

### • Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser, Sunday, April 18th

On Sunday, April 18th 10% of your purchase will be donated to Help the Needy all day. You will need to have a flyer with you; they are available at the office at 117 N Center St.

### • Firewood Crew Leaders - Ted Bonner and Leo Vetter

A big thank you to Gold Hill Java and City Market; the former has been donating coffee to the firewood crew and the latter donated water. Since the article came out in the "Courier View" regarding the theft of 5 cords of firewood, many folks have donated wood to help; now the firewood team is caught up and ahead of the curve. Congratulations!

### • Valentines Ball Winners

HtN's "Valentine Ball" on February 13 at the Ute Pass Cultural Center was attended by 138 people. Help the Needy netted close to \$6000 total including the auctions and the jewelry raffle. Nitia Schroeder won the diamond necklace and earrings and Kathy Bonner won the amethyst necklace.

