

**Rural Solutions**  
**Executive Director's Activity Report**  
**For November and December 2010**  
**Submitted by Jackie Reynolds**

**Highlights of November and December 2010**

- I met with Daniel Brisson, professor from University of Denver, about the possible evaluation of the Getting Ahead Program. He submitted a proposal for this possible project.
- Nicki Johnson from Help for Abused Partners and I met with Diana Crisman, principal at Sterling High School, Nicki would like to sponsor a Teen Health Fair at Sterling High School this spring. I would like to support her project. We are waiting to hear back from the high school.
- In November, I met with attorney Kim Killan to talk about Second Wind Fund and how to establish it as a program of Rural Solutions rather than a separate entity. I submitted a proposal to Second Wind Fund, Inc. using her suggestions. Thanks, Kim.

**Financial News**

- I re-invested \$25,000 CD for one year. This is the CD that is hooked to our ability to get a loan should we need it for operating expenses.
- We were awarded the Colorado Health Foundation grant, \$229,000+ for three years. It will be very nice to have foundation funds to help stabilize our funding sources. I am very excited about this grant.
- Michelle continues to have pain in her hand and wears a hand brace after falling at the office in August.

**Community Connections**

November 9<sup>th</sup>: Education Consortium Meeting in Morgan County.

November 16<sup>th</sup>: Attended Linking Yuma County in Wray.

November 18<sup>th</sup>: Attended meeting in Denver sponsored by the Colorado Nonprofit Association to update the Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Colorado manual. Interesting meeting.

November 19<sup>th</sup>: Attended informational meeting for Health Disparities grant due in December.

November 22<sup>nd</sup>: traveled with Shawn Young from Advocates for Young Adults to meet with Becky Meyer in Akron and Patricia Brewster-Willeke in Yuma to introduce the new grant he will be working on in those two counties. His grant will provide three VISTA

volunteers who will work in the counties. They do not plan to have staff based in our office.

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Attended the DORA Civil Rights Division Training in Fort Morgan. An interesting meeting that outlined the laws and practice around discrimination in the work place.

December 9<sup>th</sup>: Attended Colorado Children's Trust Fund Board meeting in Denver.

December 15<sup>th</sup>: We had a nice office party with the Early Childhood Council staff.

December 24-January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rural Solutions' office was closed for the Holidays.

### **Upcoming Events and News:**

- January 13<sup>th</sup>: The first planning meeting for the 2012 Rural Philanthropy Days event will be held at Morgan Community College, noon to 3 p.m. Rural Solutions will host this first meeting to get the process going.
- February 10-11<sup>th</sup>: Bridges out of Poverty training at Morgan County DHS. Please send staff to this training!

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director