

**Rural Solutions  
Executive Director's Activity Report  
For February 2010  
Submitted by Jackie Reynolds**

**Highlights of February**

- It was a short, busy month. Happy March already!
- We are working on the following grants, all due in early March:
  - Behavioral Health grant
  - New SSUF grant
  - Rural Health Center grant with Patricia and Becky
- We were able to showcase the *Getting Ahead Program* at the NECALG Annual Meeting in Yuma. The *Getting Ahead Program* is supported with ARRA funds through NECALG.
- I attended the Bighorn Leadership Conference this last Saturday and Sunday. The discussions around leadership and systemic change were interesting. You or leaders in your organization may want to consider attending the expanded training. We spent quite a lot of time talking about issues and how to change policies and procedures to make our work more effective. Since its inception in 2001, Bighorn has provided high-quality training in public leadership, policy development and advocacy in both rural and urban parts of Colorado, and has policy experience in health care, economic development, and natural resource sustainability. The Bighorn Program is housed at Colorado State University in the Department of Outreach and Strategic Partnerships.
- I attended a training meeting around the *Women's Wellness Connection* project. We continue to figure out how to make this project successful in our region. It is going to be a collaborative project with Rural Communities Resource Center in Washington and Yuma counties. We will work with women in the region for six months to help them access care through this program. Everything seems to be a work in progress lately!!
- I continue to work to establish the Second Wind Fund.

**Financial News**

**Preventing Suicide Initiative and Office of Suicide Prevention Grant for Seniors.**

- Please see Maranda's monthly report.

**Health Disparities Grant**

- Please see Michelle's monthly report.

### **Rural Philanthropy Days Continuation Grant**

- The Communities Resource Center and Rural Solutions are hosting a Social Media training for nonprofits and other interested people on March 25<sup>th</sup> in Fort Morgan. Cost is \$30 per organization. If you want to think about this topic and your knowledge base about Social Media, ask yourself: Do you support your favorite nonprofits by contributing online or do you have to get a letter in the mail? This new way of doing business is a mystery to me—perhaps this class will help!
- Rural Solutions is also underwriting a follow-up training for nonprofits who attended the QuickBooks for Nonprofits training in November. This training will be in April and those nonprofits who attended the first workshop will be able to spend a block of time with the financial expert from CRC.

### **Fatherhood Initiative**

- Please see Glenda's report.

### **Community Connections**

- February 3: Colorado Children's Trust Fund Teleconference.
- February 5: FDC Meeting
- February 17: NECALG Annual Meeting in Akron
- February 23: Toastmaster's meeting
- February 24: El Pomar Annual Luncheon in Fort Morgan
- February 26: Women's Wellness Connection meeting in Yuma

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

March 25<sup>th</sup>: CRC Social Media for Nonprofits class in Fort Morgan.

April 29-30<sup>th</sup>: Bridges out of Poverty training in Sterling for Centennial Mental Health staff.

May 13-14<sup>th</sup>: Bridges out of Poverty training in Fort Morgan for CMH staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Reynolds

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