

**Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For October 2008
Submitted by Jackie Reynolds**

Highlights of October

- My staff and I have spent quite a lot of time this month organizing the Legislative Breakfast, scheduled for November 14th. The Special Events/Legislative Breakfast Committee met on October 15th to finalize plans for the Breakfast. I feel we have a great event planned.
- Michelle helped to plan the Senior Law Day that was organized by the Logan County Design Team. Rural Solutions co-sponsored the event and Michelle and I attended.

Financial News

- Our yearly audit is being completed by Dave Kaufman. He will present the audit to the Board at the December meeting.

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

- See attached report from Maranda.

Health Disparities Grant

- See Maranda's report.

Rural Philanthropy Days Continuation Grant

- Rural Solutions received a grant for \$3600 from the Northeast Rural Philanthropy Days committee. The grant will allow Rural Solutions to organize events that further the effectiveness and knowledge of the various nonprofits throughout NE Colorado in the three years between Rural Philanthropy Days events in our region. I think it will be an interesting effort to continue to work with nonprofits throughout the region to organize events, provide services, etc.
- I met with Jeff Pryor from the Anschutz Family Foundation to discuss the work and mission of nonprofits in Northeast Colorado. I also met with Joan Pearson from MCC to discuss the financial workings of this grant.
- The nonprofits executive directors' support group met to continue discussions about programs and activities we would like to support in the region.

Fatherhood Initiative

- The second round of the Fatherhood grant began on October 1st. The amount for this grant for one year is \$42,500.

- Brenda Chapin, Fatherhood trainer from Baby Bear Hugs, Russ Bonanno from CMHC, and I attended the Fatherhood/TANF Conference in Vail on September 31-October 3. It was a good conference and I won one of the major door prizes, a weekend stay at the Vail Marriott!! Oh wait, we worked hard too!!
- Fatherhood classes are currently being held at Fort Morgan Head Start, Wisdom Manufacturing in Merino by Baby Bear Hugs staff, and in Elbert County.

Bridges out of Poverty Project

- I presented a third training on October 30-31 for Area Agency on Aging staff. I think the training went well. They were a great group to train!
- I continue to study, read, and fine tune the training to meet the needs of organizations/agencies that send staff to the training.

Community Connections

- October 14: Attended the local CASA advisory board meeting here in Sterling.
- October 14: Michelle attended the Logan County Design Team meeting.
- October 15: Attended the Navigator Luncheon meeting, which met her in Sterling. Sterling Regional Medical Center was the presenter for the meeting.
- October 15th: Attended the Blue Ribbon Transportation Commission meeting here in Sterling.
- October 16th and 24th: "Attended" Webinar meeting for the Rural Philanthropy Days steering committee.
- October 23rd: Attended the Northeast Child Protection Seat Coalition meeting in Sterling.
- October 28th: Attended the Senior Law Day event in Sterling.
- October 30-31st: Bridges out of Poverty training for AAA in Fort Morgan.

Upcoming Events and News:

- I took a few days of vacation in early October.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Reynolds
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