

**Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For September 2011
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Highlights of September 2011

- The Legislative Breakfast was held on September 30th. About 45 people attended. Cory Gardner and a staff person from Udall's office attended the event. I got lots of good feedback about the focus table groups. Also several people commented that it was a great opportunity to network with people.
- RPD seems to be picking up steam. The actual event is scheduled for June 20, 21, 22, 2012 in Morgan County.
- Michelle and I attended a Women's Wellness Connection in Keystone this month. This grant is going to be very challenging work for us.
- I attended the Eastern Workforce Youth Council meeting in Limon and worked with the group to establish some guidelines about our ability to serve as their fiscal agent. They are a group of young professionals in our region with lots of ideas for projects.
- I attended a Multigenerational Workforce workshop sponsored by CAHEC. It was great fun with interesting and thought-provoking information.
- Rural Solutions and Help for Abused Partners co-sponsored the Merino High School Health and Safety Fair on September 28th. It was a very successful debut event for us and there was great newspaper coverage. Merino students were involved in planning the event and helped during the Fair. They even gave prizes to students who did well on their information sheets.
- Glenda was telling me the other day that this year's winner for the Haxtun Fleming Golf Course prize played on this golf course and had a wonderful time. They felt as if it was their private course as they were really the only ones on the course! We need to market the golf raffle as an economic development activity for the region!

Financial News

- Our total insurance bill general liability and property for Rural Solutions is \$1,777 for 2012. I plan to pay this bill in quarterly installments this year.
- After 5 years, the Fatherhood Project has ended. Glenda has done a great job of coordinating this project. Colorado has applied to the federal government for a new fatherhood grant but they have not heard about their status yet. There may be new opportunities to continue this grant if Colorado receives funding.
- We have received the contract from the Komen Foundation to establish and or strengthen a Women's Health Coalition in Northeast Colorado.

Community Connections

September 13th: Attended the Eastern Workforce Youth Council in Limon.

September 19th: Attended monthly Executive Directors' group meeting. We had several very interesting, thought-provoking discussions around issues that our nonprofit organizations are facing this year.

September 22nd: Attended the Northeast Colorado Seatbelt Coalition meeting in Sterling.

September 27th: Attended the RPD planning committee meeting in Cheyenne Wells.

Upcoming Events and News:

October 14th: Teen Health and Safety Fair at Caliche High School.

Early November: Bridges out of Poverty training in Yuma.

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