

**Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For December 2011
Submitted by Jackie Reynolds**

Highlights of December 2011

- Colorado Cares Day was successful for Rural Solutions and the Second Wind Fund. Michelle spent a great deal of time completing the application for this event and I thank her.
- I continue to work with Rural Philanthropy Days steering committee and program sub-committee for 2012. The actual event is scheduled for June 20, 21, 22, 2012 in Morgan County.
- I attended a Colorado Children's Trust Fund board meeting on December 7th. Reggie Bicha spoke to our board about impending legislation that will impact the CCTF.
- I attended a Partners Meeting at United Way of Morgan County on December 8th. We are in the process of becoming a "United Way partner" and plan to apply for funds to support our suicide efforts in Morgan County.
- Staff met for Christmas lunch on the 15th. Rural Solutions continues to have the best staff ever. It is an honor to work with each staff member.
- I went to Fort Collins to visit the Women's Resource Center in Fort Collins this month. They provide navigation services to women who need screenings and breast cancer resources. It was a great visit. It is fun to visit programs in other communities and dream about the possibilities....
- We all took some vacation during the Christmas Holidays.

Financial News

- We received a \$5,000 grant from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and \$1,000 from Anschutz Foundation for Second Wind Fund. We raised almost \$2000 from several events and donations during the Holidays. Thank you all for your generosity to this program.
- I worked with Northeast Colorado Health Department and Rural Communities Resource Center on LiveWell Colorado Grant letters of intent.

Community Connections

December 13th and 20th: Rural Philanthropy Days call in planning meetings.

December 14th: NECALG Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Advisory Meeting in Sterling.

Upcoming Events:

- January 25th: The next Northeast Women's Health Coalition meeting will be at 9 a.m. at Salud in Fort Morgan.
- January 19-20th: ASIST training at Frontier School in Elizabeth.
- January 10th: Healthier Living Colorado class begins in Fort Morgan at Morgan County Resource Center, 1-3:30 p.m., on Tuesdays. This class lasts 6 weeks and helps people manage chronic illnesses. Please pass the word!
- January 19th: Healthier Living Colorado class begins in Akron, 1-3:30 p.m., on Thursdays. This class last 6 weeks and helps people manage chronic illnesses. Please pass the word!

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Reynolds
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