



Elderberry Institute eNews

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Send Us Your Stories!! If your Program has a news update or story to share, please send an e-mail to LMuenchow@elderberry.org

Welcome to the Network!

- Phyllis Fick - Volunteer Coordinator, *Frazee Neighbor to Neighbor*

Farewell & Good Luck!

- Elinor Rethwisch - Volunteer Coordinator, *Frazee Neighbor to Neighbor*

Important Dates:

- Jan 4** - CMCOA - All December and Quarter 4 Reports
- Jan 4** - MAAA-MCCC - 4th Qtr. Data Export Files, Financial Report, Persons Served Report, General Data Form & Education Sign-in Sheets
- Jan 4** - VOA - All Quarter 4 Reports
- Jan 10** - CSG - SPICE Data for Oct., Nov., Dec.
- Jan 10** - CSG - Qtr. 2 Financial Report
- Jan 10** - CDOE - Qtr. 2 Financial & Data Reports
- Jan 15** - MDH - Arthritis Units of Service Reports & Financials
- Jan 25** - Quarterly Service Report (Qtr. 2) **ALL LAH/BNPs**
- Jan 31** - Quarterly Financial Report (Qtr. 2) **Base-Funded LAH/BNPs**

Network News:

CS/SD Grant Now Available

The MN Department of Human Services has released the FY 2009 Community Service/Service Development (CS/SD) Request for Proposal. The two target categories of the proposal are:

- 1). Capital & Renovation (\$250,000 or less)
- 2). Systems Change (\$250,000 or less)

The RFP is posted on the MN DHS website and can be viewed by visiting www.dhs.state.mn.us/cssd. This website can also be used to enter online submissions which are due by February 29, 2008 at 4:00pm.

Visit the DHS website for more information or call Chris or Malcolm if you have further questions.

Elderberry News:

Database Announcement

Elderberry Database System Version 3.4 upgrade installations are going very well. Installation is completed for just over half of the LAH/BNPs who use the system!

Please note that during the installation process we discovered that Version 3.4 is not compatible with Microsoft Access 2007. At this time Elderberry is not able to determine the cause of the incompatibility and warns Programs who are considering an upgrade to version 2007 in their Microsoft Office Programs.

FUNDRAISER IDEA!

Cookie Cookbooks Still Available

Looking for a way to raise some extra funds for your Program? "Grandma's Cookie Jar" cookbooks are a great way to do so. This is a cookie cookbook - and proven seller - put together by Mary Ims, Program Director at the Granite Falls LAH/BNP.

The cookbooks are available for purchase to all LAH/BNPs for \$6.00 plus \$1.29 for shipping. The *recommended* sale price for each book is \$10.00. You can order your books from Elderberry and you'll then be invoiced 30 days after you've received the books.

Although these cookbooks have been on the market since 2003, they are still a great way to earn some extra money for your Program. Take them to your own events or just set them out in your office for visitors to see. Please contact Bernie at Elderberry if you're interested.



Success Story of the Month: "Ann"

Submitted By: *Neighbor to Neighbor LAH/BNP for Frazee & Vergas Elders*

Ann* is one of the very first clients that the Neighbor to Neighbor LAH/BNP for Frazee and Vergas elders ever had. She is an example of someone every person in a society should envy!

Ann is a pleasant little lady of 99 years, who by the way only weighs about 100 pounds! She lives in her own home and maintains it quite well with the help of several Neighbor to Neighbor volunteers.

We have taken her to the beauty shop for haircuts and helped her with the delivery of her groceries on a bi-weekly basis. Our volunteers have also taken out her garbage, filled her water softener and also arranged for a local yard contractor to mow her grass during the summer.

Ann's daughter who lives far away is very appreciative of the support we've given her. Ann prides herself on her ability

to remain at home for so long. Although she's become more forgetful as of late, when asked if she's on medications Ann replied to the volunteer, "What do you mean? I do not go to the doctor and I'm on no medications!"

Wouldn't we all love to be like Ann? She is truly an inspiration to our Program and to our community.

*In order to protect her privacy, we are not using Ann's real name