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VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER**

GENEROSITY

One of the definitions in the dictionary for generosity is: willingness to give or share. That would be all of you. – Generous. Without the support and participation of volunteers our fundraising events would not take place. Without our fundraising events, many of our activities would not be possible. So your generosity makes these events possible, and the results of those events make some of our programs possible. We want to take this opportunity to thank every one who contributed, participated, and gave of their time to help make this years fundraising efforts a success. And they were successful. With your help we have been able to continue our efforts to make a difference in our client's lives. The AIM Society and our client's thank you and hope you will continue to be a part of our efforts.

A Note from Marlene Wilkie

A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see, who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens – citizens in the fullest sense, partners in civilization. George Bush Sr.



Volunteer sunflowers choose the place that they are going to grow, not in the rows they are planted. I chose to volunteer and grow at AIM. Timid at first and wondering what I could possibly offer, I gradually gained knowledge and with knowledge came strength. Each of the other volunteers brought their own life experiences and strengths and together we became a team. Collectively, we listened and learned, discussed and brainstormed, made suggestions and decisions, developed and planned, and participated. The clients and our mission and vision statements were kept uppermost in our minds and directly influenced our actions. True, I made a valuable time commitment, but the key word here is commitment. When you commit to anything you become actively involved and pull your own weight. Otherwise the rest of the team has to do your work as well as their own and that definitely is not teamwork.

It was a positive experience and one I would highly recommend. I came away with a greater appreciation of the work involved in providing the services at AIM, a sense of having contributed to the health of our community, and the privilege of helping in some small way, those who sometimes live in the shadows of Life to experience the sunshine.

Our nation will succeed or fail to the degree that all of us citizens and businesses alike – are active participants in building strong, sustainable and enriching communities. Arnold Hiatt

As the sunflowers grow and bloom wherever they may choose, I also grew and became vice-president then president of the Board of Directors of Foothills AIM Society during my 6 year term as a volunteer.

I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do. Edmund Everett Hale.



Marlene Wilkie, Past President

One kind word can warm three winter months.

Japanese Proverb

OPPORTUNITIES

We may not have any events planned for the next few months, but that doesn't mean we don't have volunteer opportunities. In fact we have some exciting adventures that we are working on. Most of these are set up so that you can decide when and where you can help. If you would be interested in helping with these projects, give Kerri a call at 710-9659.

Friends of AIM – Working with James Hill, these Community Awareness volunteers canvass Foothills area businesses for the purpose of promoting Community Partner involvement and support.

Literacy Coaches – Our clients are looking for individuals that are willing to help them with their literacy skills.

Newsletter – We are looking for articles and ideas for the newsletter.

The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.

Ethel Percy Andrus

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