

Fall seven times, stand up eight.
— Japanese proverb

HOW TO REACH US

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No man is a failure until he gives up.
— **Bishop of London**

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**VOLUNTEERS
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**THE FOOTHILLS
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VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER**



'TIS THE SEASON

It might be a little early for some of us to be thinking about the Christmas season. For some it can never be too early. We spend time with family and friends and celebrate our traditions, new and old. A week later we look back and remember and look forward and plan. As a Volunteer Manager, I get a little bit of the holiday spirit each time people volunteer to help out. Each time we have an event, or each time I interview a new volunteer to work with a client, I get to see the best part of people. Sometimes they don't realise, nor would they admit, that they make a difference each time they volunteer. Each of you in some way has made a difference. As you look back over the year, may you

all know that you have made a difference, and to each of you, Thank You. May you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best.
— **Henry Van Dyke**

FRIENDS OF AIM

Friends of AIM is a project which will become a business directory for all the business Friends of AIM who have supported and continue to support our programs and services. The listings are alphabetical by business name and also alphabetical by type of business. What has been introduced is a "Post Your Business Card" campaign where a \$50.00 donation to AIM Society will receive a donation receipt, plus a 12 month business card posting complete with external links and meta-tags. As our site traffic continues to grow (already over 135,000 hits per month) it provides additional benefit to our business sponsors.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in having your business card posted, please contact James Hill at james@footaim.com or by calling the office at 652-4161.

You can also help out the Friends of AIM campaign as a volunteer. Working with James Hill, these Community Awareness volunteers canvass Foothills area businesses for the purpose of promoting Community Partner involvement and support.

You don't drown by falling in water. You drown by staying there.
— **Robert Allen**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Employment Program is looking for a volunteer to spend a half to a full day a week with a client who is interested in doing some one on one activity in the community. The client is interested in going out for lunch and doing some shopping. Mondays or Tuesdays would be the best times, but there is some flexibility in the schedule. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Kerri at kerri@footaim.com or by calling 710-9659.

Remember the rule of the sharpshooter:
"You can't hit what you don't aim for"
Shaun Belding

HOLIDAY TRIVIA

Charles Dickens' initial choice for Scrooge's statement "Bah Humbug" was "Bah Christmas."

Santa Claus got his name from Saint Nicholas, a bishop of the town of Myra, who was known for being especially kind to children. Today, Myra is part of the country of Turkey.

In the nineteenth century, the British Post Office used to deliver cards on Christmas morning.

The first Christmas stamp was released in Canada in 1898.

In Italy it isn't Santa who brings gifts for the children but kindly witch La Befana.

26 December was traditionally known as St Stephen's Day, but is more commonly known as Boxing Day. This expression came about because money was collected in alms-boxes placed in churches during the festive season. This money was then distributed during to the poor and needy after Christmas

Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response.

— **Mildred Berthel**