



# The Advocate Aspect

Family Support Center and Kids First Children's Advocacy Center – August 2011  
Programs of Rural Resources Community Action – a non-profit agency



## How do We Say Goodbye?

*"Saying goodbye is never easy and saying goodbye to all of you is going to be the hardest. After seven years with Family Support Center, I will be leaving my position as the receptionist to relocate to New Mexico for my husband's job. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and I want to thank you for making my job so enjoyable! I will miss each and every one of you."* – Stephanie Sanders

Stephanie has been the ultimate "Receptionist". She literally has held this place together, even as far as being nicknamed the "Glue" by many volunteers and staff. Stephanie has a spirit so full of love and warmth, and her smile always brightened the office...you could even hear her smile on the telephone.

Stephanie has grown so much in the past seven years. Recently, she was awarded the Shanette Green Professional Development Scholarship Award (this award is given each year in honor of Shanette Green from the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP), who passed away in 2004). Shanette worked in an administrative position at WCSAP, where she shared her many gifts of humor, warmth and support of the work that we do. Stephanie fits that same mold perfectly; therefore, she was given this award which allowed her to attend the WCSAP State conference where she gained skills and knowledge, and had a great time meeting new people.

We will truly miss Stephanie in our office, as we are sure all of you will too.

We wish her only the best for the future. We know that wherever she is lead in her life, she will make a difference in the lives of the people she comes in contact with...we know she did ours.

## Goodbye Stephanie...We Love You!



(left to right) Peggy, Jill, Carol, Millie, Sandy, Kerry, Jerrie, Debbie, Gloria, Dorothy, Jeanne

## Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, Family Support Center held a Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue to say thank-you to our wonderful volunteers and their families. A great time was had by those able to attend.

With our volunteers all doing different things for us, from Help Line to Office Advocacy, we don't often get to be together and visit, so this was a time of getting to know one another and enjoying each other's company.

We have such a great pool of volunteers, and we are grateful for each and every one of you.

This volunteer program has become such a well-oiled machine due to the many talents of Shamra Coy, our volunteer coordinator. Unfortunately, Shamra announced at the barbecue that she will be leaving Family Support Center to attend law school. Hopefully one day she will return to Family Support Center to help clients with legal issues!

Shamra will truly be missed by all of us. She has provided us with such a wealth of knowledge and skill during her time at Family Support Center. She will be very hard to replace.

We thank her, and all of you for being such an intricate part of this agency.

**Thanks Shamra for meeting the needs of our volunteers and staff...we will miss you!**





## **1,608 Hours Donated**

Sharon Cording has volunteered with Family Support Center since the spring of 2007. During that time, she has been a Help Line Volunteer, Office Advocate, Medical Advocate, Court Advocate, Advisory Board Member, and Fundraising Committee Member.

Sharon is leaving us due to her busy schedule. She put her all into everything she did, and will be greatly missed.

**Thank-You Sharon...Good luck with your future endeavors!**

**Looking for Prosecutors, Health Care Providers, Adult Protective Service Workers, Law Enforcement, Community Leaders...anyone interested in the Well-Being of the Elderly!**

## **Elder Abuse Training**

Presented by V.A.L.O.R. (Vulnerable Adult: Linked Organizational Response) and sponsored by Family Support Center, a program of Rural Resources

**August 17, 2011**

**8am – 4:30 pm**

(lunch is on your own)

**Stevens County Sheriff's Ambulance Center Training Room**

### **Training topics include:**

- Overview of the problem
- Statutes and Remedies
- Investigative Strategies
- Neglect
- Abuse in Facility Settings
- Elder Abuse Dynamics
- Initial Response
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse and Stalking
- Financial Exploitation

**There is no cost for this training!**

**Registration is required by:**

**August 10, 2011**

**Please call (509) 684-3796 to register.**

**Family Support Center recently raised \$214.00 at a fundraiser yard sale on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Chewelah. Thank you to all of you who helped with the yard sale and those of you who supported us by purchasing items that day.**



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*“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment  
before starting to improve the world.”*  
*Anne Frank*

**Thank You for your donations!**



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