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Arapahoe County seeks volunteers for three community programs

Volunteers needed to interact with public on weekly basis in Aurora or Littleton

Littleton, Colo. — Arapahoe County's Volunteer Connections Program is seeking volunteers for three important programs that benefit the community: the Information Ambassador program, Food Bank Distribution Warehouse and Court Notification Calling Program. By volunteering at the County, you take an active role in your own government, make a difference in the lives of your neighbors, and help extend the County's reach into local communities.

The Food Bank Distribution Warehouse needs volunteers to assist with receiving, sorting and distributing food items to local food banks. Arapahoe County's CSU Extension manages the warehouse under The Emergency Food Assistance Program, which provides U.S.D.A. commodities to be distributed to low-income households. Volunteers over age 21 are needed between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday and Wednesday of each month at the CSU Extension building, 5804 S. Datura St., Littleton. Volunteers will need to be able to continually lift boxes weighing 10-40 lbs.

The Information Ambassador Program seeks outgoing volunteers who can share a few hours each week to greet and direct visitors, share helpful information and be a friendly face at the County's Arapahoe Plaza facility, 1690 W. Littleton Blvd. in Littleton. This building houses the Human Services Department, Veterans Service Office, Senior Resources Division, Foster Care Program and a variety of other offices. Volunteers over age 21 are needed to commit to three to four hours per week, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Bilingual speakers who are proficient in Spanish also are needed. There will be light clerical duties associated with this opportunity.

The Court Notification Calling Program involves making courtesy telephone calls to remind citizens of an upcoming date in court. This program has proven to be an innovative solution to reducing failure-to-appear arrest warrants for defendants who don't show up for scheduled court appearances, which place an added burden on court, law enforcement and jail resources. Volunteers over age 18 are needed to commit to three to five hours per week, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, at Arapahoe County Altura Plaza (15400 E. 14th Place, Aurora).

Volunteers for these opportunities must commit to at least three months of volunteering. Longer commitments are preferred. Training and a background check are required for each position. To apply as a volunteer or to learn about the array of opportunities with Arapahoe County Volunteer Connections, please contact Val Purser at 303-738-7938 or visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us and click on "Services" and then "Volunteer Opportunities."

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To download photos, please click on the following link:

<ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Photos/Volunteer>

FoodDistribution.jpg: Arapahoe County needs volunteers to assist with distributing food commodities from a Littleton warehouse to local food banks.

InfoAmbassador.jpg: Volunteer Priscilla Hoffman greets visitors as an Arapahoe County Information Ambassador. More volunteers are needed to join the program to serve at the Arapahoe Plaza location in Littleton.