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Arapahoe County earns Volunteer Management Award

Arapahoe County's Val Purser recognized with the DOVIA Outstanding Volunteer Manager Award

Littleton, Colo --- Earlier this week, Arapahoe County employee Val Purser received the 2008 Outstanding Volunteer Manager Award presented by the Directors of Volunteers in Agencies Denver Chapter, whose mission is to promote professionalism in the field of volunteer management and advocate for issues concerning volunteerism.

"This award means the world to me," said Purser, who oversees the County's Volunteer Connections program. "It validates our goal in providing valuable volunteer opportunities that invite our citizens to get a hands-on view of Arapahoe County's programs and services."

In less than two years, Purser, with more than 25 years of volunteer management experience, created Arapahoe County's first formal volunteer program, Volunteer Connections. Since then, Purser has coordinated more than 18,000 hours of volunteer service that equates to \$360,000 of budget relief to the County. She has also been instrumental in recruiting 922 positions for the 2008 Arapahoe County Fair, a feat in and of itself.

"It is an honor to see Val Purser and Arapahoe County receive this award," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Pat Noonan. "Her outstanding achievement in building our volunteer program from scratch had enabled the County to extend our reach into the community and create a symbiotic partnership with our residents."

To get involved with Arapahoe County's award winning volunteer program, call 303-738-7938.

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Captions: Val Purser, Arapahoe County's Volunteer Coordinator, receives the DOVIA Outstanding Volunteer Manager award from emcee Mitch Jelniker of Channel 7News.