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Volunteer recognized for years of service to Arapahoe County

Littleton, Colo – Phyllis Walsh is named Volunteer of the Year in recognition of her outstanding commitment to Arapahoe County. As a longstanding volunteer for the Judicial Services Division, Phyllis has contributed 516 hours of her time which translates into an in-kind donation of \$9,298.

Arapahoe County Commissioner Frank Weddig presented Phyllis with an Award of Appreciation and a spa day gift certificate donated by Meadows Creek Spa and Salon in Littleton. “Phyllis is a model volunteer,” said Weddig. “We’d love to have 100 more of her volunteering their time.”

Phyllis and many others were moved to tears during the ceremony. “I am so surprised and honored by this thoughtful gesture. I’m working with such generous and fun-loving people,” said Phyllis when she was surprised with the award. “I decided to volunteer because I didn’t want to retire from everything. I chose to volunteer for Arapahoe County because of the wonderful people I’d be working with. It feels good to give back and make a difference in the community.”

Since October 2003, Phyllis has volunteered her time for numerous projects. She has processed over 300 defendants that came through the Judicial Services office and placed them with a non-profit organization to complete court-ordered community service. Phyllis also assists with file preparation, clerical duties, and plays an active role in the Restorative Justice concept by helping defendants understand the importance of giving back to the community.

“This award is the first but not the last of its kind,” said Val Purser, Volunteer Coordinator. “Arapahoe County has formed a new volunteer service organization called Volunteer Connections which invites volunteers to help spread the support Arapahoe County provides to its citizens, just like Phyllis has. By working together, we can reach more people with more benefits.”

Through Volunteer Connections, volunteers can participate in activities such as Judicial Services pretrial officers, 50+ and Fabulous coaches, Veterans Services office coordinators, and Arapahoe County ambassadors, just to name a few. Volunteers can also be part of a special program as a Health Aging Instructor where they will be trained to go into homes and support senior citizens with fall prevention and wellness training.

To get involved with your local government and help create a stronger Arapahoe County, contact Val Purser at 303-738-7938.

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