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Sometimes it takes a village to get out of the snow

Arapahoe County requests volunteers to help seniors, disabled citizens shovel snow during storms

Littleton, Colo. --- Arapahoe County's Senior Resources Division is requesting the help of agencies, organizations and individuals to offer their assistance in snow shoveling for the disabled and senior populations this winter.

"We already have a waiting list of seniors who would like our help with snow shoveling this winter but there are so many that we aren't going to be able to reach each and every one," said Linda Haley, Senior Resources Manager. "We'd like to develop a comprehensive list of local organizations and individuals who are available to lend a helping hand and shovel when the snow hits the ground and stays there."

The County's Chore Services program will be able to assist some seniors who have a high priority medical need such as dialysis but will not be able to meet the needs of every senior. The program will maintain a list of seniors who need assistance with shoveling and will be able to prioritize them according to need.

"Our goal is to match seniors with someone nearby who will be able to shovel primary exits and sidewalks to meet code and clear driveways, if the senior is still able to drive," Haley added.

If your organization currently provides snow shoveling services, please call Senior Resources at 303-738-8080 to be included in the list.

If you are an individual who would like to take part in helping our vulnerable populations with snow removal, call Arapahoe County's Volunteer Connections at 303-738-7938 to get involved.

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