

**CROSSROADS  
MINISTRY  
NEWSLETTER**

Jan and Carolyn Evans, Editors

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Saturday, May 6**



**Rotary Duck Race**

(Adopt a Duck and designate Crossroads)

[www.facebook.com/  
EPDuckRace/](http://www.facebook.com/EPDuckRace/)

**Spring Sale**

Friday, May 12, 9am - 6pm  
Saturday, May 13, 9am - noon

**Fairgrounds: Barn W**

[www.facebook.com/  
events/1872584356319548/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1872584356319548/)



**Tuesday,  
July 4**

**Pancake  
Breakfast**

**Our Lady of  
the Mountains  
Catholic Church**

**Crossroads Mission  
Statement**

**Crossroads Ministry**  
practices Christian love  
by providing basic  
human services  
to residents in need  
in the Estes Valley.

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**"Neighbors In Need" Challenge Grant**

When the annual "Feinstein Challenge" was cancelled on short notice in 2015, a compassionate local donor stepped up with a \$50,000 pledge to serve as a dollar-for-dollar match to contributions to help Crossroads Ministry provide services for persons in need in the Estes Valley. We were unsure whether this caring family would be able to renew their generous challenge grant, but in 2017 they again agreed to make our "Neighbors in Need" challenge possible.

Within the next year, Crossroads Ministry faces extraordinary opportunities and challenges for reaching even more people in need, including a commitment to ensure that a Meals on Wheels program continues to serve homebound persons in the Estes Valley in 2018 (see related article, p. 2).

*We are asking friends and supporters of Crossroads Ministry to make a special gift between now and Memorial Day, May 29. The more gifts received within the next 60 days, the more of the \$50,000 pledge Crossroads Ministry will receive to relieve hunger and poverty.*

Crossroads serves about one out of every 12 persons in the Estes Valley every year, including persons who have had their hours at work cut back or lost their job altogether. Others have incapacitating medical conditions. They would be hungry without help with food. They would be homeless without help with housing costs. They would be cold in the winter months without help with their heating bills. They need help with gasoline to get to work or to doctor's appointments. They need assistance to pay for medical co-pays and prescription medication refills.

This annual "Neighbors In Need" Challenge is Crossroads Ministry's single largest source of funding to provide a broad range of services that help to meet the needs of local hurting families.

In the meantime, dozens of volunteers are hard at work to help in other ways, including our big Spring Sale (see related article, p. 4), May 12-13 [www.facebook.com/events/1872584356319548/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1872584356319548/), and our Annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. Crossroads Ministry is also participating in the Estes Park Rotary Duck Race this year. Adopt a duck at [www.facebook.com/EPDuckRace/](http://www.facebook.com/EPDuckRace/).

These important opportunities can multiply the impact of your generosity and help relieve hunger and poverty in the Estes Valley.

Thank you for your caring support. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

To donate securely online: [www.crossroadsep.org](http://www.crossroadsep.org).



Rev. Dr. Tim McLemore  
Executive Director

## CROSSROADS TO PROVIDE MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICES IN 2018

*Plans underway for timely transition with uninterrupted services*

The Board of Directors of Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Inc., unanimously voted at their annual strategic planning retreat on February 21, 2017, to assume responsibility for providing Meals on Wheels services in the Estes Valley, starting in 2018.

In addition to ensuring the availability of nutritious food and working with volunteers to deliver meals, Crossroads Ministry's plans include securing a part-time staff person to effectively coordinate Meals on Wheels in the Estes Valley.

"The Crossroads Ministry Board of Directors is committed to providing food for all persons in need in the Estes Valley," said Dr. Tim McLemore, Executive Director of Crossroads. "Expanding our services to include Meals on Wheels is a logical extension of our current programs, and we are pleased to take on primary responsibility for operating a critically-needed Meals on Wheels program in the Estes Valley."

Following the Town Board's direction to staff to ensure the continuance of a Meals on Wheels program, Lori Mitchell, Senior Services Manager for the Town of Estes Park's Senior Center, and Beth Headley, Program Coordinator for Senior Services, sought to help bring about the smoothest possible transition of services by providing a wealth of experience and information about the existing Meals on Wheels program to representatives of Crossroads Ministry and other key partners in the community.

"I am excited to know that Meals on Wheels will continue to strengthen persons in our

community," Mitchell said. "With its long history of helping residents of the Estes Valley, Crossroads Ministry is uniquely qualified to take on this important responsibility."

Julie Lee, Executive Manager of Good Samaritan Society Estes Park Village, is excited that Good Samaritan Village will have a key role when it comes to ensuring that the best possible food is made available for Meals on Wheels. Current plans call for Morrison Community Living, a food management company that provides culinary expertise for Good Samaritan Village, to work with the dining services staff at Good Samaritan Village to prepare and package the same tasty and nutritious food for Meals on Wheels that they currently serve to residents of Good Samaritan every day for lunch and dinner.

"Good Samaritan Estes Park Village has a strong commitment to this community," Lee said, "and we are glad to expand our services to the community." Lee said. "This program aligns with our mission: 'To share God's love in word and deed by providing shelter and supportive services to older persons and others in need, believing that, In Christ's Love Everyone is Someone.'"

Additional information, including opportunities for donors to help fund Meals on Wheels in the Estes Valley, will be available as plans and preparations continue to progress.

*Interested organizations and individuals are invited to contact Dr. McLemore at Crossroads Ministry, [tim@crossroadsep.org](mailto:tim@crossroadsep.org), 970.577.0610.*



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## TRAVELING MERCIES

Like many of the working poor, she struggles to make ends meet even though she has a full-time job. Low hourly wages make it nearly impossible to reliably cover rent and buy food, let alone pay for medical, clothing, utilities, transportation, and other basic needs.

She first visited Crossroads Ministry in 2012 to get help with a \$45.70 utility bill. After that, apart from occasional visits to our food pantry, she remained self-sufficient... until the 2013 flood destroyed the place of business where she was employed.



Crossroads Case Manager Eva Bañuelos (left) presents car keys to an excited client.

Crossroads was there during her time of crisis with temporary rent assistance in the amount of \$497. As she settled into a new job and tried to recover from the flood-related losses, she found shelter for a while with a friend, and then with her sister. "It has a long struggle to try to rebuild my life in the past few years," she said. Low-income housing finally became available last December, and she was ready to take the next step in moving forward with her life.

But it is difficult to work five days a week without transportation. Her sister shares her car when she is able. Co-workers pitched in to fill the gap through the years. But the recent departure of a fellow employee left her unable to find a ride between her apartment and her job.

It was her sister, a weekly volunteer at Crossroads, who alerted us to the dilemma. As it happens, our friends at Covenant Heights Camp & Retreat Center had recently donated a serviceable vehicle to Crossroads. After a thorough checking over and some minor repairs by our partners at Alpine Automotive, the car was soon ready to be transferred to a new owner.

For her part, the client promptly completed our "Money Matters" financial self-sufficiency class.

"Now I won't have to walk miles to work in the cold and snow," she says. Moreover, she is excited about the possibility of an occasional outing that takes her somewhere other than work or the apartment. "I have been getting a little stir-crazy," she says with a smile. "I am so thankful to have this car. It seems nice!"

Those who support Crossroads Ministry may not always have an opportunity to see the faces of the many clients we serve each week. But everyone who helps plays a vital part in opening doors, touching hearts, strengthening lives.

*If anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. —from Matthew 5:41–42 (NRSV)*



### Neighbors In Need Challenge Local Congregations with Big Hearts



Two vital partner churches timed special gifts with the 2017 Neighbors In Need challenge grant in mind. On March 19, **Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran** took a missions offering that totaled \$3,160 to help the clients served by Crossroads. During Sunday worship on March 26, **Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies** presented Crossroads with three checks totaling nearly \$5,000. One check represented proceeds from their annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, which netted \$850.55, while a second check totaling \$1,605 represented Crossroads Ministries' share of proceeds from their annual Melodrama. The third check, in the amount of \$2,500, comprised PCCR's annual missions commitment to Crossroads, scheduled to help with the challenge grant. We are grateful for all our partner churches and the many ways they make the ministries at Crossroads possible!

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**New Client Service Hours**

Monday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Office/Administration Hours**

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**CROSSROADS/LLEV SPRING SALE**

**Announcing the biggest, best garage sale in the Estes Valley!** Crossroads and Lifelong Learning of Estes Valley Preschool are again teaming up to offer great items at a great price to the public. The sale is at Barn W at the fairgrounds on Friday, May 12, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. until noon.

Donations are now being accepted. As you do your spring cleaning, consider donating those redundant, outdated, or unused items you find. Accepted donations include: children's clothing, outdoor equipment, toys, seasonal decorations, jewelry, antiques, kitchen items, linen, and gently used furniture. There are only a few restrictions: no large appliances, microwaves, televisions, used adult clothing, sleeper sofas, or mattresses. If you have a donation, please call Jim Johnson at 970-231-7988 to schedule a drop off time. (Items cannot be dropped off at Crossroads.)

Volunteers are always needed and valued! If you can donate a few hours, call Peggy, 970-586-3317, or Nancy, 970-577-9864. If can donate to the very popular bake sale, call Joy, 970-586-9600.

**ANNUAL CROSSROADS BOARD RETREAT**

The Crossroads Board of Directors serve as an active, supportive arm of this ministry. In addition to monthly meetings, they gather once a year for long-term planning, to review vision and mission statements, and to formulate one-year goals. This year's retreat, held at YMCA of the Rockies, featured Mark Holdt of Mountain Sage Consulting. He provided a confirming and challenging overview of healthy boards and principles of governance to assist board members with their duties. *The 2015 Annual Report is posted on our website.*

**VOTE FOR UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR!**

Crossroads Ministries' own **Jan and Larry Kilgore** have been selected as one of three finalists for United Way of Larimer County's "Basic Needs" Volunteer Hero Awards. Volunteer Manager Becky Gruhl urges everyone to **vote for Jan and Larry Kilgore!** Vote as often as you like, and .... **VOTE NOW!**  
[uwaylc.org/Post/Volunteer-Hero-Awards-Finalists-Basic-Needs-Category](http://uwaylc.org/Post/Volunteer-Hero-Awards-Finalists-Basic-Needs-Category)

