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Health Advocacy Partnership Receives \$5,000 MVEA Grant

Monument, CO, December 8, 2010: During the weekly Senior Meals luncheon which is sponsored by Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership, HAP Board president, Mark Ennis, announced the receipt of a \$5,000 Mountain View Electric Association Operation Round-Up grant. Ennis remarked, “The MVEA grant is provided to support these weekly meals and is hugely important for HAP because it ensures our ability to continue this weekly program of providing nutritious, low-cost meals to nearly 40 area seniors.” Dave Betzler, the HAP Board director who wrote the MVEA grant application thanked MVEA’s Operation Round-Up coordinator, Judith Kinsel “...for being such a positive advocate of this community support grant program.”

Ennis, who is also president of Access Construction, added that the MVEA grant comes to HAP after a surprising twist. He related the story of a “Good Samaritan” who intervened when the check suddenly disappeared. “In our recent office relocation, the \$5,000 MVEA check blew out of a vehicle in the Air Academy Credit Union parking lot. It took several days for me to realize I could not find the check. I called MVEA to explain what happened and sheepishly explained to Judith Kinsel that I had lost their much-needed check to HAP. Judith replied, “Oh good; it’s not a problem.” Mark continued, “I was very pleasantly dumb-struck and asked why it is ‘good.’ Judith explained that a Good Samaritan, Joe Dowdy of Monument, had found the check in the parking lot and mailed it back to her at MVEA and she had just received it.” Mark concluded the story, “I immediately drove out to MVEA, got the check a second time—and yes, I immediately deposited it.” As a postscript, the MVEA Board sent a gift certificate to Joe Dowdy, the “Good Samaritan.”

The Health Advocacy Partnership’s Senior Meals program is a partnership with Lewis-Palmer School District 38, and is supported by volunteers from the Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church. The weekly luncheon for senior citizens is offered every Wednesday at 11:30 AM in Monument at the School District 38 Administration building. It is one of several community health and wellness programs sponsored by HAP.

Mountain View Electric Association’s Operation Round-Up was formed to assist non-profit organizations, communities with special needs and individuals who have suffered from personal disasters such as a fire, tornado or medical emergencies.

Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership was established in 1996 as a non-profit organization serving Monument, Palmer Lake, Woodmoor, Gleneagle, and unincorporated areas of north El Paso County. The mission of HAP is to improve the health and well-being of the Tri-Lakes community through community based services and support.

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Front, left to right: Charlie and Betty Richards, representing senior citizens who attend the Wednesday Senior Meals lunch, display the MVEA Round-Up grant to support the Senior Meals. Judy and Ken Keller representing all volunteers of Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church who provide service support to the Senior Meals. Back row, left to right: Mark Ennis, Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership board president and Dave Betzler, HAP board director for grant proposals.



Mark Ennis (left) HAP Board president displays the “lost” \$5000 check recovered and returned by Joe Dowdy (right).