

Volunteer Spotlight
Ruth Shryock
HOLLY CREEK



Holly Creek resident Ruth Shryock states that she always gravitates towards volunteering within a Christian framework. So, when she and her husband, John, moved to Holly Creek in August 2005, Ruth soon became involved in the Holly Creek Volunteer program.

Ruth is a native of Connecticut, but while still in her teens, she felt called to the mission field. In 1951, Ruth traveled to Portugal to study Portuguese, and in 1953, she headed to the African country of Angola. For the next 25 years, Ruth worked in various parts of Africa, under the Mission Board of the Methodist Church, and that also is where she and John met and raised their family.

Blessed with a warm and friendly personality, Ruth also has the gift of sensing the needs of others. Many mornings find Ruth doing the resident “stat checks.” She also serves on the Spiritual Welfare committee, participates in the Warm Woolies knitting group, has arranged and delivered many lovely bouquets of flowers as a volunteer “Flower Friend,” and has helped with various fund-raising events. In addition, Ruth is a talented quilter, and has generously donated several quilts to CLC Silent Auctions as well as providing several baby quilts to Denver-based “Volunteers in Action.” When asked about her many volunteer efforts, Ruth quietly states, “It’s something I can do for others; it helps give purpose to life, and I enjoy it.” And Holly Creek greatly enjoys having Ruth as a valued volunteer!