

# Faith in Action of Edgar County

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*It is time!*

**FIAEC 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off 2009!**

**Saturday ~ February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**4:30PM-7:30PM**

**Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center**



*Rita Goodman and Doris Lau*

**Grand Champion Chili Chefs 2008**

**Featuring their grand prizing winning chili, "The Sister Act"!**

Mark your calendar for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off! We are still looking for a few more chili chefs. If you have a favorite chili you would like to enter to add to the fun of the evening just send your registration in by February 16<sup>th</sup>. This is the most "FUN" Fundraiser that we have all year. Plan now to be a part of it! Tickets are available now. Be sure to see and share the enclosed flyer

Call 466-6388 for information or advance tickets.

## *What is Faith in Action?*

Faith in Action 2008 is:

73 Volunteers providing services 100 Listed as Active Volunteers

132 Individual residents receiving services

35 Wheelchair ramps constructed 129 Total Ramps Built

813 Transports made 2,462 Hours

58 Residents being transported 25 First Time Res. Transports

273 Hours spent In-Home Visiting 42 Residents visited

115 Hours spent Telephone Visiting 16 Residents visited

3 Church Youth Groups involved in service

16 Young people and sponsors serving

5,032 Total Over-all service hours 39,347 Total miles driven

1,968 Number of contacts made with care receivers

**Faith in Action services are offered at no-charge to the receiver.**

**Thanks to the help of the VFW, Senior Center, DORS, and FIA many of the Wheel Chair ramps were built at minimal or no cost to their recipient.**

This is a small glimpse into what was  
**Faith in Action of Edgar County 2008**

What a Big Party we had at Pizza Hut January 26<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to all who joined us. It was a super turnout! Thanks Rita for being our hostess!

## **Nila's Corner**

I have been working on a few of the end of the year reports for FIAEC this past month. I am always amazed at the number of services that have been offered and lives that have been touched because of the generosity and love of all our volunteers. I am so thankful for all of them. Many were only able to contribute a small amount of time throughout the year, but when their time was blended with all other volunteer's small and large amounts of time, the hours were staggering! We also have prayer partners whose time isn't recorded on paper, but their service is recorded, prayers are heard and answers felt!

I have learned so much in the few years that I have been working with Faith in Action. One point is what it truly means to have a servant's heart, giving ourselves to others, expecting nothing but gratitude in return. Our reward comes when they praise and thank God for the kindnesses they have received. God in turn pours his blessings on the work of this ministry. It all happens through your willingness to freely give whatever time and talents that you have to share with those who struggle with chronic illness and physical limitations.

When you think about it...  
Being in FIAEC is like sharing the love of Valentine's Day...

all year long!  
"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with Great Love."

Author: *Mother Teresa*

*Happy Valentines Day!*  
♥  
*Nila*

## ***We Need Your Help....***

There are several areas where we could use an extra helping hand through out the night of our chili cook-off. If you are interested in helping in any of the following areas please call me: Starting time will depend on where you want to serve.

Work at the Ticket Sales and Collection Tables - Work in the Kitchen – Help with hot dog serving - Work at the bowl, napkin and tray table - Clean-up and pick up trays - Assist the chefs with sample cups, etc. - Before the event, cut up celery and carrots– Serve Chili - Float to wherever needed – Help sell advance tickets (They are available at the office)

If you would like to sign up to help in any of these areas at anytime through the night, give me a call and let me know your interest and time frame you would be available. The more we have to help the merrier! ☺

**Be Sure to Check the FIAEC Website! It is updated monthly with newsletters, events, and other stuff!**

**FIA Wish List: postage stamps, black and colored ink cartridge refill kits or Lexmark 20 or 70 cartridges. A BIG THANK YOU to Rita Goodman for your gift of postage stamps! They are greatly appreciated! Inkind gifts of office supplies are a huge blessing in helping with the work of Faith in Action**



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*Nila Nugent ~ Program Director*

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#### **Calendar of Events:**

Feb. 4 FIA Board Meeting 8:30am  
Feb 14 Valentine's Day  
Feb. 21 Chili Cook-Off 4:30pm  
Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center  
Feb. 23 Pizza Hut Night with Monte

*Reminder: Volunteers Monday Morning  
Coffee Break 8:30 – 10:00  
each Monday morning*

**LIVE UNITED**



The Edgar County United Way supports  
Faith in Action. Please support the  
United Way of Edgar County

#### **FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEERS.....ON THE MOVE! MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008**

<u>Service</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Transportation	127
Visiting	21
Shopping/Errands	9
Light Housekeeping	0
Yard Work	0
Telephone Contacts	10
Sewing and Mending	0
Meal Prep.	0
Special Projects	89
Office Assistance	92
Board Meetings/Fundraising	5
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>351 Hours</b>
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>3240 Miles</b>

**38 Volunteers reported hours for the month of Nov!**

**163 contacts made with care receivers!**

**THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!**

If you want to drop your timesheets after hours, use our little mail slot on the inside door.