

# Faith in Action of Edgar County

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## Special Project Volunteers Complete 100<sup>th</sup> Ramp!

The month of June saw many changes for FIAEC. It also included many accomplishments! One of which included our Special Project volunteers building our 100<sup>th</sup> wheelchair ramp! All of the ramps were constructed by FIA volunteers for residents of Edgar County who struggle with physical limitations that jeopardize their independence. We are proud of each of our Special Project crews and all the timeless hours they put into helping to keep our residents mobile and independent. Thank all of you for helping us get to this amazing landmark!



## Nila's Corner

I was reading an email from Steve Rigdon, of "The Crimson Cross Quartet" and he included a great article from a daily devotional comparing the difference of an amateur and professional. Faith in Action Volunteers are not monetarily compensated for our services but the rewards are far greater.

Enjoy:

The word *amateur* has been redefined over the years and has lost the luster of its original meaning. The English word comes from the Latin word *amore*, which means "to love." An amateur is someone who does something simply for the love of it.

In today's way of thinking, receiving payment moves you into a "higher" category—that of a professional. The reasoning is that if someone is willing to pay for your service, you must be really good. An amateur, therefore, is considered to have less skill or talent.

As I read my Bible, however, I see a different hierarchy of values. During the time of Jesus, the religious professionals were using their position to gain power and prestige for themselves, not to serve the people. Jesus didn't choose those who were wise, mighty, or noble by human standards (1 Cor. 1:26). He sought those willing to follow Him and be trained for loving service.

In today's world, the scene is much the same. God is still looking for "amateurs," those who will serve the Lord for the sheer love of it. Compelled by our love for Jesus, may we, like the disciples and apostles before us, proclaim the love of God for the world by following Christ's example of loving and serving others.

## Volunteers Have Driven over 100,000 Miles!

Volunteers have driven over 100,000 miles to reach residents in Edgar County and help them to remain mobile and independent! This feat was accomplished during the month of May and reported during the month of June through all your time sheets! What an accomplishment!

## Faith in Action Welcomes Two New Board Members

*We are happy to welcome our newest FIA Board Members  
Susan Bradford and Ron Hensley*

Susan comes to the board as a representative from Kansas IL. She is a member of Pleasant Hill Christian Church. Susan enjoys working with crafts and helping others. She has been actively serving on the board for the last two month.

Ron is very interested in the Paris community. He and his wife Lorma are active members of the Paris First United Methodist Church. Ron is a past president of the Paris Lions Club, served on the board of the former Habitat for Humanity, U of I Master Gardener, Lifetime member of the Historical Society, former Webelo Scout Leader and is interested in watching Nascar and playing golf.  
~WELCOME SUSAN AND RON~

Coming Soon Volunteer Appreciation Banquet – September 18<sup>th</sup> it will be a 5 Year Celebration!

**Thank You!**

*There are so many who make the work of Faith in Action a reality throughout Edgar County. We are grateful for each and every donation, in-kind gift, and prayer. Were it not for each of you and your gifts, Faith in Action of Edgar County would only be a dream on a piece of paper. Instead we have had the privilege of touching the lives of 342 residents and their families throughout the county.*

*Thanks to you, we continue working!*

*The United Way of Edgar County is a major supporter not only of FIAEC, but many other organizations in Edgar County as well.*

*Please Remember to support our local United Way as they kick off their 2008 campaign.*

**Wish List: Creative giving could include postage stamps, unused greeting cards, copy paper white and color, mailing labels (1"x2 5/8"), black and color ink refills for our printers.**



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**Calendar of Events:**

- July 2 Board Meeting
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 10 Burger King Night
- July 17 New Volunteer Orientation
- July 28 Pizza Hut Night /Nilia as Hostess
- Aug.26 Creative Card Angels
- Sept 18 Volunteer Appreciation
- Oct 17 Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

Remember our every **Monday Morning Coffee Break**, from 8:30am – 9:30am. Join us at the office for rolls and coffee to help jump start your week!

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

Service	Hours
Transportation	213
Visiting	23
Shopping/Errands	8
Light Housekeeping	4
Yard Work	5
Telephone Contacts	7
Sewing and Mending	0
Meal Prep.	6
Special Projects	100
Office Assistance	100
Board Meetings/Fundraising	<u>14</u>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>480 Hours</b>
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>4,362 Miles</b>
<b>41 volunteers reported hours for the month of May!</b>	
<b><u>195 contacts made with care receivers!</u></b>	

**THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!**