

# Faith in Action of Edgar County

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## *Faith in Action Meets with International Guests Volunteerism - United We Serve*



*Welcome*

Mr. Deden Syefrudin and Mr. Muhibullo Zuvaidulloyev

Mr. Syefrudin and Mr. Zuvaidulloyev were recently traveling in the United States under the auspices of the United States Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Both gentlemen focused their visit on learning about volunteerism in the United States. Mr. Syefrudin a resident of Indonesia is program manager of International Relations, National Scouts Headquarters in Pramuka, Indonesia. Mr Zuvaidulloyev is an Assistant of Political Affairs at the Embassy Great Britain, living in Tajikistan. Monte Reichenberg, President of FIA Board of Directors, Linda White Vice President of FIA Board of Directors and Nila Nugent, Program Director met with the group to introduce them to volunteerism through Faith in Action.

They were all very interested in Faith in Action and how our volunteer efforts benefit the community. Each had questions as to how economic conditions reflected on our program both in increased requests for services as well as financial ability to continue our outreach. Mr. Syefrudin was interested in starting a similar program in Indonesia.

Following our visit, Linda drove around the area showing them several of the wheelchair ramps that were constructed by volunteers throughout the community. The gentlemen were amazed that it was only one of many services offered through the Faith in Action program. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet our International guests learning about their cultures while sharing with them the joys of volunteering.



*Nila's Corner*

In April I had the privilege to attend our Annual Spring Director's Conference in Springfield. This is a great opportunity to share program concerns and ideas from all the other FIA directors from across the state of Illinois. I always come back from these meetings enlightened and very thankful for our Faith in Action of Edgar County program. We are blessed in so many ways. Funding is a really big issue with all the programs. While we are also concerned about funding, we are grateful to be apart of a very generous community that is concerned about the needs of those who struggle from chronic illness and/or physical limitations. I am also grateful for our governing Board of Directors. Each one has a heart for the mission of Faith in Action and dedicates many hours making sure we continue to grow as an outreach program.

Most of all I enjoy these meetings because of the renewed energy and ideas I glean from the other directors and their programs. This being the case... on the following pages I will share the new activities that will be kicked off this summer by Faith in Action of Edgar County!

Now...no nonprofit organization is without needs and concerns. Faith in Action is no different. Summer is quickly approaching which means all of our schedules get busy. This leads to a greater need for more volunteers, especially in the area of transportation. Our requests for transportation are on the rise. Gaining more drivers will spread out the need and not require as many requests made to any one driver. THANK YOU for ALL YOU DO for FIAEC!

*Happy Mother's Day! Nila*



**Our Faith in Action Special Project Volunteers has completed more that 180 ramps!**

The ramp pictured is the largest ramp we have ever built but shows the talent of our builders. Many of the ramps are donated back to Faith in Action when they are no longer needed. Therefore, *recycling* is a common term within the Faith in Action program.

Faith in Action of Edgar County is dedicated to providing services that enable residents of Edgar County who live with chronic illness/physical limitations to remain in their homes, thereby enhancing their quality of life, dignity and independence.

**If you are not a Faith in Action Volunteer and would be interested in learning more about our outreach services... give us a call 466-6388**



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***Faith in Action***

***Nila Nugent ~ Program Director***

**Board of Directors**

- Monte Reichenberg President
- Linda White Vice President
- Judy Benton Secretary
- Terry Bergdolt Treasurer
- Lillie Davis
- Rita Goodman
- Ron Hensley
- Norma Henson
- Diana Acord
- Karl Marshall

**Calendar of Events**

**\*COMING in \* May and June\***

- May 5 ~ FIA BOD Meeting**
- May 9 ~ Happy Mother's Day!**
- May 24 ~ Pizza Hut Night -Linda White Hostess**
- May 31 ~ Memorial Day \* Office Closed\***
- June 2 ~ FIA BOD Meeting**
- June 11 & 12 ~ Shrine Weekend Bake Sale**
- June 14 ~ Flag Day**
- June 19 ~ Volunteer Family and Friend Picnic**
- June 20 ~ Happy Father's Day!**
- June 28~Pizza Hut Night-Rita Goodman Hostess**
- Reminder: Volunteer's Monday Morning Coffee**  
**Break 8:30 - 10:00 each Monday morning**



**Please plan to support  
 the United Way of Edgar County.  
 Working together we CAN  
 make a difference!**

**FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEERS.....ON THE MOVE!**

<b>MONTH OF</b>	<b>FEBRUARY AND MARCH.</b>	
<b>Service</b>	<b>Feb. Hours</b>	<b>Mar. Hours</b>
Transportation	129	117
Visiting	9	17
Shopping/Errands	2	7
Light Housekeeping	0	0
Yard Work	0	0
Telephone Contacts	10	9
Sewing and Mending	1	0
Respite	0	0
Meal Prep	1	0
Special Projects	34	158
Office Assistance	58	36
Board Meetings/Fundraising	97	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b><u>Feb. 343</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 347</u></b>
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b><u>2,810 Miles</u></b>	<b><u>3,114 Miles</u></b>
<b>Volunteers reporting hours in the month of</b>	<b>Feb. <u>34</u></b>	<b>Mar. <u>36</u></b>
<b>Contacts made with care receivers in</b>	<b>Feb. <u>135</u></b>	<b>Mar. <u>186</u></b>

**THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!**

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