

# Faith in Action of Edgar County

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## *Faith in Action Volunteer Appreciation* *September 20, 2012*



Faith in Action of Edgar County celebrated nine years of serving residents of Edgar County by honoring our Volunteers through a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center. The theme this year was “*Volunteers –Give Country Style*”! The room was decked out in a country setting, complete with bales of straw, kerosene lamps, sunflowers and farm implements. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner served by McDaniel’s Catering. Morris Mott, Christian Country Music Recording Artist provided musical entertainment for the evening. See page 2 for pictures and more information!



### *Nila’s Corner*

It’s amazing to realize that we are approaching the end of another year! What a blessing this year has been to not only the people we have served but for all who are involved with the Faith in Action program. We are gearing up for a busy Autumn as we look forward to our Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction! Then on December 7<sup>th</sup> we will be gathering at Tuscany’s for lunch to kick off the Holiday Season! This is always a great time of food and fellowship. Faith in Action is growing and reaching out to more people in Edgar County who are in need. Thank you for helping us make a positive difference in the lives of others!

## What our Volunteers are saying about FIAEC/

### Evaluation Results for 2012 – (24 Reporting)

Strongly Disagree    Disagree    Agree    Strongly Agree

My Volunteer experience with FIA has been rewarding

0	1	2	21
	4 %	8%	88 %

I feel appreciated by program staff and BOD for the work I do

0	1	4	19
	4%	17%	79%

I feel adequately trained (prepared) for my volunteer assignment

0	1	3	18
	4%	14%	82%

\*To what extent does your involvement with FIA meet your expectation?\*

Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Completely
0	2	4	18
	8%	17%	75%

### Comments: (Made by FIA Volunteers)

1. We’ve learned many people need lots of assistance. Both with physical and monetarily.
2. Everyone in office is always nice and so sweet when they call me.
3. Make the public more aware of services FIA provides. Some churches should display more information, as some have none at all.
4. I expected more sewing/mending would be needed.
5. My experience has been great. So far, all I have done is drive and pick up people doing dialysis in TH. I was recruited from our church United Methodist Men. That means of recruiting is probably as effective as any even if you only get one. As I move more and more into retirement, I will become more involved in FIA and other volunteer work.
6. Show me how to retire!!!
7. Need more volunteers for Meals on Wheels. (note: this is not a service of FIAEC, however we do recognize their needs as well as our own ~Nila)
8. I really enjoy the prayer the ramp builders do, Amen. Maybe you can put more volunteer papers at churches.
9. FIA has blessed me. Love FIA.

*Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteer!*

*Robert Hedges, Ron Bouslog and Mary Wright*

We would like to welcome Robert, Ron and Mary into our Faith in Action family! Robert is a Special Project Volunteer. Ron is working with us as a Telephone Visitor and Mary's main focus will be as a Transportation Volunteer. It is exciting to watch our Volunteer crew grow!

*Thank You Robert, Ron and Mary! Welcome Aboard!*

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**Paris Hospital's Meals on Wheels Program is still in Need of Drivers!**

If you would like to help deliver meals to area residents please call Meals on Wheels Program Manager, Patty Baker – 465-2606, ext. 326. Volunteers are desperately needed to participate either on a regular delivery schedule or to be "on call" for delivery.

**~Faith in Action's Christmas Wish List ~**

If you would like to make an in-kind gift for the Holidays, you might consider Forever Postage Stamps or any type of office supplies. All donations are very much appreciated! Thank You and Have a Very Blessed Christmas!



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*Nila Nugent ~ Program Director*

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**Calendar of Events**

*\*COMING in \*Oct. - Nov. - Dec.*

- Oct. 3- Board of Director's**
- Oct. 19 -FIA Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction**
- Nov. 6 - Card Angels Meet at FIA Meeting Rm**
- Nov. 7 - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM -**
- Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed**
- Dec. 4 - Card Angels Meet at FIA Meeting Rm**
- Dec. 5 - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM -**
- Dec. 7 - Volunteer Christmas Luncheon a Tuscany's - 11:00AM**
- Dec. 24-25 Office Closed Merry Christmas!**
- Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve – Happy New Year!**



**Support the United Way of Edgar County.**  
**Working together we DO make a difference!**

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

**MONTHS OF JULY ~ SEPT**

<u>Service</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Transportation	498
Visiting	41
Shopping/Errands	10
Light Housekeeping	0
Yard Work	0
Telephone Contacts	6
Sewing and Mending	0
Respite	0
Meal Prep	0
Special Projects	289
Special Activities	0
Office Assistance	104
Board Meetings/Fundraising	<u>127</u>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1,075</b>
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>9,372</b>
<b>Avg. Number of Volunteers reporting hours monthly:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Contacts made with care receivers</b>	<b>357</b>

**THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!**

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

# Volunteers - Give Country Style!

## 2012



We would like to thank everyone who shared their time in preparation for this wonderful evening! I would love to mention you all but I am afraid that I would miss someone and we appreciate each and every one of you! We also want to thank Lake Ridge Christian Church for letting FIA turn the Family Life Center into a country farm setting. Morris Mott for sharing his God given gift of song, McDaniel's Catering for providing the wonderful meal and door prize donors - Mary Jane Dodd - Tupperware, First Bank and Trust, Steve Winkler, Inc., Neal Tire, Auto Zone, Diamond Brothers, Pool's Bargain Center, Don Robinson - Robinson Accounting, Monte Reichenberg, Terry Bergdolt, Judy Benton, Linda White, and Ron Nugent.



**Faith in Action is in great need of Volunteers, especially in the areas of driving and ramp building. If you are not a volunteer and are interested in our program...Please give us a call and we can share with you a what blessing it truly is!**

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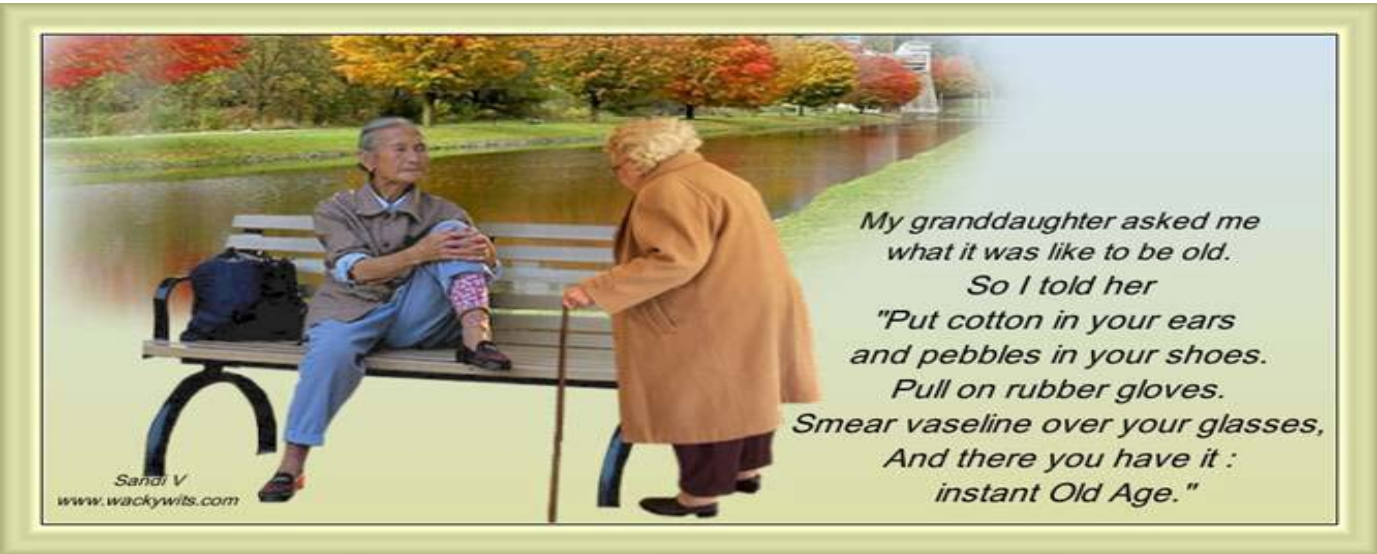
## "Faithful Friends"

### Faith in Action of Edgar County

Very soon we will be promoting another Faithful Friend Campaign. Flyers will be made available as reminders of this worthwhile fundraising endeavor. To date we have had over 200 families take part in agreeing to make a one-time donation as a Faithful Friend or being a Faithful Friend by making a donation one-time a year for a period of 5 years. This effort is a tremendous help to the mission of Faith in Action. Our services are provided by volunteers at no charge to their receiver. We have built more than 290 wheelchair ramps as well as steps and handrails. Faith in Action provides the lumber when the receiver does not have the means to do so. FIA offers mileage reimbursement for our volunteer transportation drivers. We are reaching out and changing lives one person at a time. Please consider becoming a Faithful Friend or renewing your pledge today.

For more information contact Nila Nugent, program director ~ 466-6388

**We are proud to be a United Way Agency and operate solely on fundraisers, individual, mission and charitable donations. All funding is used to provide services for residents of Edgar County.**



*My granddaughter asked me  
what it was like to be old.  
So I told her  
"Put cotton in your ears  
and pebbles in your shoes.  
Pull on rubber gloves.  
Smear vaseline over your glasses,  
And there you have it :  
instant Old Age."*

*Sandi V  
www.wackywits.com*

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**Join Us for a Christmas Luncheon at Tuscany's!**



**December 7, 2012  
11:00AM**

Faith in Action would like to invite all of our Volunteers and Guests to join us for our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Tuscany's to kick off the festive Holiday Season! We can choose our lunch from the well-stocked buffet or order from the menu. Either way it is a good lunch and a good time spent with friends!

Plan to join us by calling 466-6388 to make your reservation.

We will call in the count to Tuscany's on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. **Merry Christmas!**

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Very soon we will be receiving calls for help with yard work and leaf raking. It is an excellent opportunity to plug youth groups into a morning or afternoon activity that is very worthwhile and very much appreciated by those who can no longer care for their own lawns. If you are a youth sponsor and would like to help out in this way, please call our office and give us your time(s) of availability.

If you would be interested in learning more about our outreach services...please give us a call 466-6388