



FAITH IN ACTION OF EDGAR COUNTY

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“A Neighbor’s Independence Depends on You.”

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FRIENDSHIP



♥ Constant use will not wear ragged the fabric of *Friendship*. ♥

Dorothy Parker

Here we grow!

Faith in Action would like to welcome *Marilyn Wright* as our newest FIA Volunteer! Marilyn is a wife, mother, grandmother, substitute teacher and Tennis Coach. She is very interested in helping out in the areas of yard work, special projects, transportation, as well as shopping and errands. Our needs for transportation are always increasing and as soon as the weather decides to quit teasing us and really turn into Spring, she will be able to share her favorite past time of yard working!

I am happy to welcome Marilyn as a FIA Volunteer!

New Volunteer Orientation

New volunteer orientation will be held:

Thursday, April 17th and Thursday, May 15th

At the FIA Meeting Room

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Other times and places can be arranged to fit individual time schedules.

All new Faith in Action volunteers and anyone interested in learning more about our program are encouraged to attend.

Call Nila at 466-6388 for reservations.



~ *Creative Card Angels* ~



Just a reminder and invitation to let you know our *Creative Card Angels* will be getting together **April 29th at 10:00 A.M. to “create” very special cards for Spring.** Our routine card angels include **Ann Schumacher, Wilma Overton, Joyce Sisson, Lillie Davis, Edith Emrick, Judy Benton, Norma Henson, Greta Pitts, Debbie McConkey, and Cathy Walker.** Plan to join these ladies for a morning of light hearted fun! Questions?, Call Cathy 275-3500; Debbie 275-3755; or Nila 466-6388.

*****6th Annual Caregiver’s Expo – Paris Community Hospital*****

The Caregiver’s Expo will be held Saturday, April 19th from 9AM – 2PM, at the Paris Community Hospital. Vendors will have displays and presenters will be sharing information on Caregiving, Diagnosis, Financial and Physical Focus. All are welcome to browse through the displays and take part in the informational presentations.

News-News-News

Habitat for Humanity of Edgar County began with a goal of impacting our community and people's lives through elimination of poverty housing and focusing on individual personal development and total living conditions. However, due to the escalating costs of building materials as well as decreases in funding opportunities, the announcement was made by Habitat President Bruce Smith and Habitat for Humanity of Edgar County's board of directors to dissolve operations in Edgar County.

Smith shared that the unanimous desire of the board was that all remaining assets of Habitat should remain in the county to continue Habitat's goals. Faith in Action of Edgar County along with the Edgar County Homeless Organization, are honored to be selected to carry on the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Edgar County. Each organization is dedicated to strengthening our county while providing services that enable our residents to regain and maintain their independence within their communities.

Habitat donated their trailer and all their tools in order to help in our construction of wheelchair ramps and minor home repairs. Cash assets were divided between the two organizations, with Faith in Action receiving a check for the amount of \$5,981.99. These donations are a tremendous blessing and add a great deal of strength to our Special Project program.

~~~"A candle loses nothing of its light when lighting another." --*Kahlil Gibran* ~~~~



### *Volunteers reporting hours on the rise!*

**You are making a difference and it is being felt all over the county.**

**Thank you for all you do.**

**During the month of February - 45- volunteers reported their hours of service. This is an increase of 4 volunteers over the month of January! In February there were -151- contacts with their care receivers! This reflects an increase of 17 contacts with our residents over the month of January! Reaching out and touching lives is what Faith in Action is all about. Seeing the increases of those reaching and those being touched each month is heartwarming. We truly are putting our Faith in Action and it *is on the move!***

**Services and Times provided were:**

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

| Service                    | Hours      |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Transportation             | 142        |
| Visiting                   | 15         |
| Shopping/Errands           | 11         |
| Light Housekeeping         | 2          |
| Yard Work                  | 0          |
| Telephone Contacts         | 10         |
| Sewing and Mending         | 3          |
| Special Projects           | 37         |
| Office Assistance          | 90         |
| Board Meetings/Fundraising | <u>42</u>  |
| Total                      | 352 Hours! |

**THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!**

**Remember to Visit [www.fiaec.com](http://www.fiaec.com)**

**- Shrine BBQ Weekend - June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

**We will have our annual bake sale on the NE Corner of the Square.**

**\*\*\*I will be starting sign up sheets for helpers and baked goods.\*\*\***

## Coming Soon....

Faith in Action will soon be changing internet providers. This should take place within two weeks. At that time our email address will be [fiaec@joink.com](mailto:fiaec@joink.com). Until then you can still contact us through [nugent2@1choice.net](mailto:nugent2@1choice.net) or through [www.fiaec.com](http://www.fiaec.com).

### *We appreciate your prayers!*

The program of Faith in Action would not be who and where we are today if it weren't for your prayers and the prayers of our faithful prayer partners. If you have a special request that you would like our partners to pray for, just drop me a note or phone call and I will make sure it gets added to their list. These special prayer partners include *Catherine Sturgell, Floyd and Mary Tresner, Thelda Pitts, Kathleen Farris, Martha Paul, and Gayla Finley*. If you would like to be a prayer partner of Faith in Action of Edgar County, give Lillie Davis or Nila Nugent a call at 466-6388.



### *Pizza Hut Night*



Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 4PM – 8PM, with Norma Henson as our Hostess. Norma is a member of the FIAEC Board of Directors and is retired from Eli Lilly and Company. She along with her husband Tom live in Chrisman. Both have a heart for helping others and spend many hours each month volunteering with FIA.

Pizza Hut has donated \$2,300 to help the work of Faith in Action during the passed two years!

Plan to share an evening with your friends and .....meet Norma at “The Hut”! ☺



### *Burger King Night*



Burger King Nights continue on the second Thursday of each month. May 8th will be our next fun night! During the passed year Burger King has donated over \$1,000! These donations help keep the wheels rolling within Faith in Action. Ramps continue to be built along with volunteer mileage reimbursement and minor home repairs. Coupons are always available inside or taped to the door if you are going through the drive-thru!

**FAITH IN ACTION OF EDGAR COUNTY IS VERY GRATEFUL TO OUR TWO LOCAL RESTAURANTS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF FAITH IN ACTION.**

### *2007 Annual Financial Report*

*FIAEC annual financial report is ready for distribution. Email or call if you would like a copy mailed to you. They are available for pick up in the office.*

#### *Coming Up*

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**April 28<sup>th</sup>** (Monday) – Pizza Hut Night with Norma Henson ~ 4:00pm – 8:00pm

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) – Creative Card Angels – 10:00am ~ FIA Meeting Room

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** (Wednesday) – FIA Board of Director's Meeting ~ FIA Meeting Room

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** (Thursday) – New Volunteer Orientation FIA Meeting Room ~ 1PM – 3PM

Thank you and God Bless,

*Nila Nugent*

Program Director

**Volunteers**  
**--Author Unknown**

Many will be shocked to find,  
When the day of judgment nears,  
That there's a special place in Heaven,  
Set aside for volunteers.  
Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and footstools,  
Where there are no committee chairmen,  
No yard sales or rest area coffee to serve,  
No library duty or bulletin assembly,  
There will be nothing to print or staple,  
Not one thing to fold or mail,  
Telephone lists will be outlawed.  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners  
And rare treats fit for a king.  
You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged  
And work for all they're worth?"  
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,  
And not once volunteered on Earth.