

# Faith in Action of Edgar County



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Do You Goodsearch? Check out what's new on [www.fiaec.com](http://www.fiaec.com)!



Faith in Action of Edgar County has welcomed approximately 46 volunteers as *Transportation Volunteers*. This is a great number and we are very grateful to all of you! It seems that over the years the demand on our transportation program and drivers has been met with a steady increase. In 2008 we made 813 transports which involved 43 of our drivers. It is fairly apparent the numbers this year will even be higher. Therefore we are in need of more volunteer drivers. The FIAEC volunteer experience is all about flexibility in scheduling. A volunteer is only asked to drive if their availability and desire allows. FIAEC offers mileage reimbursement at \$.25 a mile. This has been a big help with the fluctuation in gas prices. If you would like to become a volunteer driver, or know someone who would, be sure to let our office know!

*We need you!*

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*Happy Birthday Cindy!*



There is never a dull moment in the office of Faith in Action! Recently we welcomed a surprise visit from the "Singing Cowboy" (aka Jack Milam). Cindy Soughers was very surprised and happy to be serenaded with a song composed and sang by Jack as a treat for her birthday!

Both Jack and Cindy are volunteers with Faith in Action and add their own individual and unique flairs to the variety of our program!

(If you would like to schedule the "Singing Cowboy" for a birthday surprise, give him a call 217-884-2336)

**Coming Soon.....**

**Faith in Action will have a Bake Sale Tent on the square this year for the Shrine BBQ Weekend. The date is June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. We will need all sorts of baked goodies to make the event successful.**

**I will have more information in next month's newsletter.....**

## Nila's Corner

I enjoy reading the daily devotions written by Rick Warren. On March 31, 2009 his article was about how real servants pay attention. I many times find myself guilty of not paying enough attention to situations around me and end up missing golden opportunities to make a difference for someone else. I like to keep this little excerpt on hand as a reminder.....

[Real Servants Pay Attention](#)

by Rick Warren

We miss many occasions for serving because we lack sensitivity and spontaneity. Great opportunities to serve never last long. They pass quickly, sometimes never to return again. You may only get one chance to serve that person, so take advantage of the moment. (*Purpose Driven Connection*, PO Box 8108, Red Oak, IA 51591)

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Now did you know this about..... Volunteering?

*A Great American Pastime*

Although volunteerism is not a critical piece of the cultural fabric in many countries, it is valued in the United States and is a way of life for many Americans. It also contributes significantly to the economy of the country. According to a 2001 Report by the Independent Sector in 2000, 44% or 83.9 million American adults volunteered for a total of 15.5 billion hours at a value of \$239.2 billion. At that time, a volunteer hour was valued \$15.40. In 2007 it was \$19.51. In 2008 the value has raised to \$20.25.

What does that mean to FIAEC? It is a strong message that your efforts are very valuable to the residents of Edgar County! There is an average of 453 combined volunteer hours recorded each month. According to the Independent Sector, the average monetary value of service is \$9,173 each month!

*Thank you for all you do! ~ Nila*

**Info from:**

[www.beverlyfoundation.org](http://www.beverlyfoundation.org)

[www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)

## Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteers!

Lee and Jim Thomas

Faith in Action of Edgar County is very happy to welcome our newest volunteers! Both are from Kansas and are very busy helping with transportation for our Kansas area dialysis care receiver. We are very excited that they have chosen to join us and have the desire to help out in the area of transportation.

Both Lee and Jim are welcome additions to the ministry of Faith in Action!

Have you tried sending your timesheet from [www.fiaec.com](http://www.fiaec.com)? Go to the "Current Volunteer" section and click on ["Click here to report your volunteer hours"](#)! It is easy, fast and convenient!

Have you considered becoming a member of Faith in Action's "FAITHFUL FRIENDS"?  
A small annual donation will provide HUGE benefits for residents of Edgar County!

Call Nila at 466-6388 for details on how you can join others who are helping FIAEC remain a strong outreach for residents in Edgar County who are living with chronic illness and physical limitations.



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#### Calendar of Events:

April 8 - FIA Board Meeting 8:30am  
April 18 - Caregiver's Symposium 8:30 - 2:00  
April 27 - Pizza Hut Night with Lillie Davis  
\*COMING SOON\*  
June 12- 14<sup>th</sup> - Shrine BBQ Weekend-Bake Sale  
September 17 - Volunteer Appreciation  
Banquet  
October 16 - Spaghetti Dinner and Silent  
Auction  
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 FEBRUARY 2009

<u>Service</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Transportation	129
Visiting	19
Shopping/Errands	9
Light Housekeeping	1
Yard Work	1
Telephone Contacts	42
Sewing and Mending	0
Meal Prep.	0
Special Projects	196
Office Assistance	93
Board Meetings/Fundraising	64
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>554 Hours</b>
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>11,215 Miles</b>

42 Volunteers reported hours for the month of February!

213 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.