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Christmas at Tuscany's December 9, 2011



What a great day for a Volunteer Luncheon! Conversation was light and joyful as volunteers, guests and staff of Faith in Action took a well-deserved break from volunteering and all the Christmas preparations. Approximately thirty Volunteers and guests enjoyed a great time of fellowship.

This luncheon has become a yearly event and plans have already been made for next year's luncheon to be held December 7, 2012 at 11:00am.

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to enjoy a great group of friends for lunch next Christmas Season!



Faith in Action Card Angels



The Card Angels take a well deserved break.

Christmas was in the air December 13th after this group of Angels finished making special cards to be sent to more than 200 care receivers, reminding them that many people were thinking about them this Holiday Season. Enjoying a light Christmas lunch was Nell DeWitt, Wanda Henson, Wilma Overton, Card Angel Coordinator Cathy Walker, Lillie Davis, Anna Schumacher and Helen Creed. Our Card Angels get together several times a year to create beautiful cards that put smiles on the faces of their receivers.

Nila's Corner

Happy New Year!

What an exciting year 2011 proved to be! Even more exciting is the anticipation of what is in store for the Faith in Action of Edgar County ministry in 2012! We have had great success with our new activity called "Friends Day Out"! We plan to continue this fun outreach this year. Several times through the year, Judy Benton with the help of Lillie and Marion Davis, will organize short trips for several of our care receivers. Most recently was dinner at the Family Restaurant and sightseeing around town to see all the beautiful Christmas lights! It gives many of our care receivers an opportunity to get out of their homes and enjoy doing things they may have not been able to do for a very long time. Transportation is made possible through cooperation with the Human Resource Center in the use of their handicap accessible vans.

Also coming up will be another "Victor or Victim Seminar" to be presented by our own Monte Reichenberg. If you missed the one given last year, be sure to not miss this one! Monte shares inspirational stories of real life debilitating conditions of people who, instead of falling victim to their circumstance, become Victorious over them! There is a message for each one who listens to his life changing presentation.

Do you like to go to Branson? Faith in Action is sponsoring a tour through Diamond Tours to spend 5 days and 4 nights in Branson Mo. For ONE VERY LOW price! FIA will receive \$30 for each ticket reserved. **There are a few seats left on the bus. Be sure to contact Judy Benton, by calling Faith in Action to find more information.**

COMING SOON!!!! OUR 8th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, info is inside this newsletter. Faith in Action reaches out to make life better for those who struggle to maintain their independence due to chronic illness and/or physical limitations. The last two events are fundraisers that are essential to keep the work of FIAEC Alive and Well in Edgar County!

We want to thank you for your support!!

May you be blessed with a Great New Year!

Nila

Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteers!

~Judy Hale ~ Norma Travis~

Faith in Action of Edgar County is very happy to welcome our newest volunteers! Both ladies are very active within their churches and community. Each is interested in helping with transportation and various other areas of service. Judy and Norma joined FIA in October and immediately were kept busy reaching out to those in need. We are very happy to welcome them into our Faith in Action Family!



WISH LIST



Faith in Action is very grateful for all donations we receive both great and small! It is the generosity of this community that has kept us a growing outreach program. If you are interested, another creative means to help cut our expenses is through the donation of office supplies. Basically any type of supplies used in an office setting would be appreciated. We also are in need of gift cards from Wal-Mart or Casey's that would be used for gas cards. These are a great blessing to help our drivers who transport residents out of town for medical appointments.



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- Jan. 4** - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM
- Jan. 23** -Pizza Hut Night Benefit
- Jan 31** - Card Angels Meet at 9:30AM
- Feb 1** - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM
- Feb 18** - Chili Cook-Off 4:30PM – 7:30PM
- Feb 27** - Pizza Hut Night Benefit 4:00PM- 8:00PM
- Mar 7** - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM
- Mar 26**- Pizza Hut Night Benefit -4:00PM - 8:00PM
- Mar 27** -Card Angels Meet at 8:30AM

Reminder: Volunteers
Monday Morning Coffee Break 8:30 – 10:00
each Monday morning.



The United Way Campaign 2011/2012
 is in full swing!
 Please support the Edgar County
 United Way.

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

<u>Service</u>	<u>Oct. Hours</u>	<u>Nov. Hours</u>
Transportation	183	105
Visiting	37	15
Shopping/Errands	23	22
Light Housekeeping	0	0
Yard Work	5	2
Telephone Contacts	4	4
Sewing and Mending	0	0
Small Home Fix-it	0	0
Respite	0	0
Special Projects	42	40
Office Assistance	109	50
Total Hours	403	238

Total Miles Driven Oct. 5,058 Miles Nov. 2,833 Miles

Volunteers reporting hours for the month of Oct. **39** Nov. **29**

Contacts made with care receivers month of Oct. **177** Nov. **110**

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL-IN OR SEND YOUR SERVICE TIMES AND MILES ~ Thanks



We need Chili Chefs! Join the fun!



Faith in Action to Host 8th Annual Chili Cook-Off

This annual event will take place Saturday, February 18th, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. in the Family Life Center at Lake Ridge Christian Church, 122 E. Steidl Road, Paris. Chili makers are encouraged to enter their favorite pot of chili for competition. There is no entry fee! Each contestant will be asked to **provide three gallons** of their favorite chili. All who attend the dinner will cast a vote for the chili they consider to be their favorite. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries receiving the most votes, in three categories of “Mild” and “Hot” and “Unique”. Medium will be categorized as “Mild”. The grand prize winner over-all will have their name engraved on a Grand Champion Chili-Cook Off plaque! This plaque proudly hangs in the FIA Office with the names of all former winners. The grand champion will also receive a trophy to commemorate their accomplishment. This year a name does not have to be chosen for the chili. Each entry will receive a number the evening of the event. They will just be put into their own category of hot, mild or unique. We encourage individuals, congregations, agencies, organizations, clubs and businesses to enter their favorite pot of chili and join the fun!

This is a great evening with light hearted friendly competition. It is also one of the two major fundraisers hosted by Faith in Action for the year. Advanced sale tickets are available now. All you can eat Chili, Veggies, Hot Dogs, Cheese, Crackers, Drinks and Cookies will be included in the ticket price. Carry – out will be available. All proceeds from this event will go to support the work of Faith in Action of Edgar County. See and Share the enclosed flyer pertaining to this year’s Chili Cook-Off.

For questions, to enter your chili for competition or to receive ticket information contact, Nila Nugent,

Deadline for chili entry is Monday, February 13th.



DID YOU KNOW?

1. To date we have had **158** volunteers to enlist as FIA Volunteers, with **112** listed as being active volunteers.
2. We have been able to reach out to **590** residents and their families.
3. Our Special Project volunteers have completed **253** wheelchair ramps for residents throughout the county. We have **several** on the waiting list.
4. Since September 2003 Volunteers have driven over **246,000 miles** and shared more than **26,400 hours** of service by reaching out to neighbors who need a little help remaining independent.
5. Youth groups get involved, learning the joys of working together to help others
6. Services provided include Transportation, in-home visiting, telephoning, sewing and mending, shopping and errands, yard work, special projects such as wheelchair ramp construction and minor home repair, and clerical assistance.
7. Services are provided at no charge to the care receiver.
8. Faith in Action is a nonprofit, caregiving program.
9. We operate solely on donations, grants and fundraisers, individual donations and congregation mission giving, the Edgar County United Way.
10. Faith in Action of Edgar County receives no government funding
11. **31 congregations and 12 agencies partner with Faith in Action of Edgar County** to help residents in need.
12. **Volunteers gain personal satisfaction knowing they are a valuable asset to their community, by utilizing skills that help others remain independent.**



Volunteer Timesheets



Recording time and mileage may seem like a trivial task, but it is very important to the ministry of FIAEC. It is a record of who we are reaching and makes us aware of areas where we may need to send in more help. It is also documentation for us to provide to potential funders, giving proof that we are providing services that improve the quality of life for residents of Edgar County who live with chronic illness and/or physical limitations.

There are several ways you can record your service time:

1. The standard timesheet that we supply in the office. These are always readily available when your stock runs low. These can be mailed or dropped by the office. We have a convenient mail slot in the inside door for after-hour drop offs. We can provide a copy for your own records if you like.
2. Through our website at www.fiaec.com. On the volunteer page you can record your information and hit submit.
3. I can email you a blank copy that you fill out each month and send it via email: fiaec@joink.com.
4. Call your hours into the office. We will gladly fill out the timesheet for you. Or you can just send us an email with your service info in it!

All services for FIAEC apply to volunteer time. This can be work done for Card Angels, fundraisers, time spent in administrative activities such as board and committee meetings, office help as well as all services provided for our residents.

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Check out our website at www.fiaec.com! It is a great way to share the mission of FIAEC with your friends.

CHECKOUT GoodSearch and GoodShop on our website. Whenever you search the internet and designate your charity as Faith in Action of Edgar County, we receive 1 cent for each search! If you online shop through the hundreds of stores listed on GoodShop, FIAEC receives a percentage of each purchase! All you have to do is shop! The search engine takes care of the rest. In December we received a check for **\$43.71!**

The more you search or shop, the greater the donation!

Faith in Action is a Service of the Heart

Thank You!

Happy Valentines Day!