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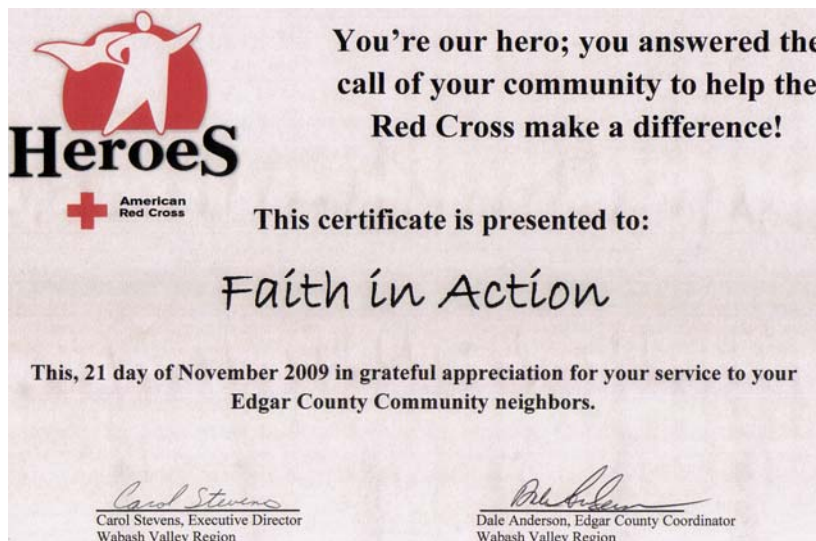
Christmas at Tuscany's



December 11, 2009

Volunteers and Staff of Faith in Action took a well-deserved break from volunteering and all the Christmas preparations to enjoy lunch at Tuscany's. Thirty Volunteers and guests enjoyed lively conversation and a few Christmas carols to set the tone for the coming holiday season. Plans have already been made for next year's luncheon to be held December 10, 2010 at 11:00am. We are hoping that setting our lunch time up one hour will pull it away from the lunch time rush. Everyone had a great time and we encourage you to flip your new calendars to December and plan to join us next year!

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Faith in Action of Edgar County was presented the Home Town Hero Award at an awards dinner on November 21, 2009, by the American Red Cross. Monte Reichenberg, President of Faith in Action was present to accept the award. We appreciate the honor of this recognition.

Nilas Corner

*Happy New Year!*

I have always heard it said the older you get, the faster time goes. Well, now I am a living witness to the truth of this statement! Yesterday it was Summer and today we begin a new year!

Looking back I realize all the blessings the ministry of Faith in Action has been given. They are tremendous! In an economy that screams of recession, we have been blessed with enough donations and in-kind gifts that we could meet all of our obligations. Everyone that needed a wheelchair ramp received one. Those who could not afford the cost of lumber, it was provided for them. Our volunteers traveled several thousand miles transporting residents to medical appointments throughout the two-state area. We are able to offer mileage reimbursement to help with traveling expenses and we were blessed to hire a second staff person! We are touching lives and truly making a difference.

*God is so good!*

I read a devotion by Rick Warren that gave:

*The Four Laws of God's Blessings*

1. Our blessings should flow to others.
2. When we bless others, God takes care of our needs.
3. Our blessings to others will come back on us.
4. The more we're blessed by God, the more He expects us to help others.

This is so exciting!

We look forward to sharing and sharing in God's blessings throughout 2010!

*Wishing you a very  
Happy, Healthy and Blessed*

*New Year!*

*Nilas*

## Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteers!

~ Nancy Carreon ~ Iva Speece ~

Faith in Action of Edgar County is very happy to welcome our newest members! Nancy and Iva are both volunteers from the Kansas Christian Church. They each are joining their husbands Bill Carreon and Dean Speece who have been volunteering with FIAEC for several years. Both Nancy and Iva are helping with transportation for FIA residents in the Kansas area. Diana Acord, board member from Kansas recruited them into the program and we are very excited to welcome them as Volunteers of Faith in Action of Edgar County!

### Getting Ready for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Very soon we will be asking for donations of baby carrots, celery, cheese, crackers, and cakes! As in the past we will be making requests from our partnering congregations.

If you have a preference of what you would like to donate please give our office a call!

Do you have a great chili recipe? Then we need you to be a Chili Chef in our 2010 Chili Cook-Off! See flyer inside! Recognition and awards will be presented, but nothing matches the fun you will have all evening! This is our first of two major annual fundraisers. People talk about this one all year long! ☺



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#### Calendar of Events

\*COMING in \*January & February\*

Jan. 6 - Board of Director's Meeting ~8:30AM -  
FIA Meeting Room

Jan 19 - Card Angels Meet at ~10:00AM -  
FIA Meeting Room

Jan. 28 - Pizza Hut Night Benefit ~ 4:00 - 8:00

Feb 3 - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM - FIA  
Meeting Room

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day!

Feb 20 - Faith in Action of Edgar County Chili  
Cook-Off ~4:30PM - 7:30PM

Feb 22 - Pizza Hut Night Benefit

Reminder: Volunteers Monday Morning Coffee

Break 8:30 - 10:00 each Monday morning

**LIVE UNITED**



The United Way Campaign 2009 starts  
September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to support the  
United Way of Edgar County.

Working together we CAN make a difference!

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

##### MONTH OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

| Service                                         | Oct. Hours         | Nov. Hours         |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Transportation                                  | 120                | 124                |
| Visiting                                        | 24                 | 17                 |
| Shopping/Errands                                | 3                  | 3                  |
| Light Housekeeping                              | 0                  | 0                  |
| Yard Work                                       | 10                 | 0                  |
| Telephone Contacts                              | 9                  | 13                 |
| Sewing and Mending                              | 1                  | 0                  |
| Respite                                         | 0                  | 0                  |
| Meal Prep                                       | 7                  | 0                  |
| Special Projects                                | 78                 | 62                 |
| Office Assistance                               | 53                 | 24                 |
| Board Meetings/Fundraising                      | 70                 | 4                  |
| Total Hours                                     | <u>Oct. 375</u>    | <u>Nov. 247</u>    |
| Total Miles Driven                              | <u>3,096 Miles</u> | <u>3,533 Miles</u> |
| Volunteers reported hours for the month of Oct. | <u>51</u>          | <u>Nov. 31</u>     |
| Contacts made with care receivers in            | <u>Oct. 163</u>    | <u>Nov. 161</u>    |

THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!

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